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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

(Pro Se Plaintiff)

GERARD O'NEILL,

08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)

Plaintiff.

- against -

NOTICE OF MOTION
TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY.

	Defendants.	

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, upon the Complaint, the declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint (and the exhibits attached thereto), dated April 8, 2008, the declaration of Michael Wyands in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 10, 2008, and Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 10, 2008, defendants Tino Hernandez (incorrectly identified in the complaint as "Tito" Hernandez), Ricardo Morales, and New York City Housing Authority will move this Court before the Honorable Kimba M. Wood, Chief United States District Judge, at the United States Courthouse for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York, on April 11, 2008, for an order pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure dismissing the Complaint filed in this action with prejudice on the ground that the complaint fails to state a cause of action and that no genuine issue of material fact exists and defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and granting such other relief as to this Court seems proper.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with Local Rule 12.1, included with

the aforementioned papers, is a document entitled "Notice to Pro Se Litigant Who Opposes a Rule 12 Motion Supported by Matters Outside the Pleadings," dated April 10, 2008.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with Southern District of New York Local Rule 6.1, referencing Rule 6(a) and (e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a copy of any papers in opposition to this motion shall be served on defendants at the address stated below no later than ten (10) business days after service on plaintiff of defendants' motion papers, and a copy of any papers in reply in further support of the motion shall be served on plaintiff within five (5) business days after service on defendants of plaintiff's opposition papers.

Dated: New York, New York April 10, 2008

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08-CV-1689 (KMW)(RLE)

Plaintiff,

-against-

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. NOTICE TO PRO SE LITIGANT WHO OPPOSES A RULE 12 MOTION SUPPORTED BY MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PLEADINGS

Defendants.

The defendants in this case have moved to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and have submitted additional written materials. This means that the defendants have asked the Court to decide this case without a trial, based on written materials. You are warned that the Court may treat this motion as a motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. For this reason, THE CLAIMS YOU ASSERT IN YOUR COMPLAINT MAY BE DISMISSED WITHOUT A TRIAL IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS MOTION by filing your sworn affidavits or other papers as required by Rule 56(e). An affidavit is a sworn statement of fact based on personal knowledge that would be admissible in evidence at trial. The full text of Rule 56 is attached.

In short, Rule 56 provides that you may NOT oppose defendants' motion simply by relying upon the allegations in your complaint. Rather, you must submit evidence, such as witness statements or documents, countering the facts asserted by the defendants and raising issues of fact for trial. Any witness statements must be in the form of affidavits. You may submit your own affidavit and/or the affidavits of others. You may submit affidavits that were prepared specifically in response to defendants' motion.

If you do not respond to the motion on time with affidavits or documentary evidence contradicting the facts asserted by the defendants, the court may accept defendants' factual assertions as true. Judgment may then be entered in the defendants' favor without a trial.

If you have any questions, you may direct them to the Pro Se Office.

Dated: New York, New York April 10, 2008

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## RULE 56. SUMMARY JUDGMENT

- (a) By a Claiming Party. A party claiming relief may move, with or without supporting affidavits, for summary judgment on all or part of the claim. The motion may be filed at any time after:
- (1) 20 days have passed from commencement of the action; or
- (2) the opposing party serves a motion for summary judgment.
- (b) By a Defending Party. A party against whom relief is sought may move at any time, with or without supporting affidavits, for summary judgment on all or part of the claim.
- (c) Serving the Motion; Proceedings. The motion must be served at least 10 days before the day set for the hearing. An opposing party may serve opposing affidavits before the hearing day. The judgment sought should be rendered if the pleadings, the discovery and disclosure materials on file, and any affidavits show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.
  - (d) Case Not Fully Adjudicated on the Motion.
- (1) Establishing Facts. If summary judgment is not rendered on the whole action, the court should, to the extent practicable, determine what material facts are not genuinely at issue. The court should so determine by examining the pleadings and evidence before it and by interrogating the attorneys. It should then issue an order specifying what facts-including items of damages or other relief-are not genuinely at issue. The facts so specified must be treated as established in the action.
- (2) Establishing Liability. An interlocutory summary judgment may be rendered on liability alone, even if there is a genuine issue on the amount of damages.
  - (e) Affidavits; Further Testimony.
- (1) In General. A supporting or opposing affidavit must be made on personal knowledge, set out facts that would be admissible in evidence, and show that

the affiant is competent to testify on the matters stated. If a paper or part of a paper is referred to in an affidavit, a sworn or certified copy must be attached to or served with the affidavit. The court may permit an affidavit to be supplemented or opposed by depositions, answers to interrogatories, or additional affidavits.

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- (2) Opposing Party's Obligation to Respond. When a motion for summary judgment is properly made and supported, an opposing party may not rely merely on allegations or denials in its own pleading; rather, its response must—by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this rule—set out specific facts showing a genuine issue for trial. If the opposing party does not so respond, summary judgment should, if appropriate, be entered against that party.
- (f) When Affidavits Are Unavailable. If a party opposing the motion shows by affidavit that, for specified reasons, it cannot present facts essential to justify its opposition, the court may:
  - (1) deny the motion;
- (2) order a continuance to enable affidavits to be obtained, depositions to be taken, or other discovery to be undertaken; or
- (3) issue any other just order.
- (g) Affidavit Submitted in Bad Faith. If satisfied that an affidavit under this rule is submitted in bad faith or solely for delay, the court must order the submitting party to pay the other party the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, it incurred as a result. An offending party or attorney may also be held in contempt.

[Amended December 27, 1946, effective March 19, 1948; January 21, 1963, effective July 1, 1963; March 2, 1987, effective August 1, 1987; April 30, 2007, effective December 1, 2007, absent contrary Congressional action.]

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# NOTICE TO PRO SE LITIGANT WHO OPPOSES A RULE 12 MOTION SUPPORTED BY MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PLEADINGS

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Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

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JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER, Esq., declares, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney with the Law Department of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). I am of counsel to Ricardo Elias Morales, General Counsel of NYCHA. In that capacity, I represent the defendant in the above-captioned matter. I submit this declaration in support of defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint based upon information and documents obtained from the books and records of the New York City Housing Authority, documents obtained from the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York, and upon my own knowledge of the matters asserted herein.
  - 2. Attached hereto is a true and accurate copy of each of the following documents:
  - Exhibit A. NYCHA Tenant Data Summary; NYCHA Resident Lease Agreement, dated November 2, 2001.
  - Exhibit B. NYCHA Lease Addendum and Rent Notice, dated October 18, 2005; Calculation of Rent Federal Project Statutory Tenant, dated October 18, 2005; NYCHA Annual Review Summary; NYCHA Occupant's Affidavit of Income (8 pages), dated October 7, 2005; Notices to plaintiff from Housing Manager, dated July 1, 2005, June 1, 2005, and May 1, 2005.

- Exhibit C. NYCHA Douglass: Rent Change Notice, dated June 10, 2004; Calculation of Rent Federal Project Statutory Tenant, dated June 10, 2004.
- Exhibit D. Notices to plaintiff from Housing Manager, dated September 22, 2006, July 26, 2006, and June 15, 2006; NYCHA Annual Review Additional Information Request, dated May 8, 2006; Notices to plaintiff from Housing Manager, dated May 14, 2007, and May 3, 2007; NYCHA Annual Review Additional Information Request, dated April 17, 2007.
- Exhibit E. Civil Court of the City of New York (Housing Part) Notice of Petition Non-Payment Dwelling, Affidavit of Service, and Petition (NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 05/022996); Landlord/Tenant Answer in Person; Decision and Judgment Non-Payment, dated October 26, 2005; So Ordered Stipulation, dated May 9, 2006; Affidavit in Support of an Order to Show Cause to Vacate a Judgment, dated June 9, 2006; Decision/Order, dated June 20, 2006; So Ordered Stipulation, dated June 20, 2006.
- Exhibit F. Civil Court of the City of New York (Housing Part) Notice of Petition Non-Payment Dwelling, Affidavit of Service, and Petition (NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 06/025727); Answer in Person and Verification; Decision and Judgment Non-Payment, dated January 5, 2007; So Ordered Stipulation, dated March 16, 2007; Decision and Judgment, dated March 16, 2007; Order, dated May 1, 2007; So Ordered Stipulation, dated July 31, 2007; Decision and Judgment, dated July 31, 2007; Affidavit in Support of an Order to Show Cause to Vacate a Judgment, dated September 5, 2007; Decision/Order, dated September 18, 2007.
- Exhibit G. U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Civil Docket for Case # 1:06-cv-14377-KMW.
- Exhibit H. Referral For NYCHA Social Services, dated August 29, 2007; NYCHA Social Services Case Closing Summary, dated December 18, 2007. (NYCHA's Social Services Department (SSD) is staffed by certified social workers and paraprofessionals. Among other things, SSD staff conduct home visits, develop service plans, advocate on behalf of clients, and make referrals to appropriate community-based resources and City-wide agencies. One program operated by SSD is "Supportive Outreach Services," under which services necessary for daily living are provided based on referrals received from management, neighbors, family members, other NYCHA departments, or upon direct request from residents themselves. Staff interview, assess, determine client needs, and develop service plans and make further referrals as needed.)

Exhibit I. Supreme Court of the State Of New York, County of New York Summons and Complaint (Gerard O'Neill v. Hernandez, Morales and NYCHA, Index Number 400199/08).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April **\( \)**, 2008.

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\_\_, City and State of New York ("Leased Premises"), beginning

## **NYCHA Resident Lease Agreement**

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Possession of the Leased Premises is hereby granted and the provisions of this Lease apply as of the date this Lease is signed by the Tenant. The above rental includes the costs of the Tenant's consumption of gas and electricity (except as otherwise indicated in Paragraphs 10 and 15 hereof) not in excess of a quantity which the Landlord in its discretion will fix and may from time to time change. The above terms may be changed by the Landlord, in accordance with its rules and regulations, upon 30 days prior written notice to the Tenant. Subject to the provisions herein, the Landlord or the Tenant may each terminate this Lease and tenancy by giving to the other 30 days prior notice in writing. This Lease, unless terminated as herein provided, shall automatically be renewed except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 19 hereof.

the first day of August, 2001, and terminating midnight on the last day of the month of July, 2002, and automatically renewable thereafter, unless otherwise terminated, for terms of 12 months, each 12-month

Landlord may decide. All money tendered pursuant to this Lease shall be by check or money order,

## 2. PRO-RATA RENT

The Tenant agrees to pay additional rent in the sum of \$ XXXXXX, or at such sum to be determined at a later date, which represents monthly rent pro-rated from the date the keys to the Leased Premises are ready through and including the day before the first date specified above. This additional rent, deemed rent for all purposes under this Lease including collection by a non-payment summary proceeding, is due the first day of the first month after notification of this amount or otherwise as the Landlord may decide.

## 3. ADDITIONAL RENT FOR TRANSFERRING TENANT

In consideration for being permitted to transfer to the Leased Premises from another Housing Authority apartment without first paying all rents and charges due for that former apartment, the Tenant hereby consents to pay such sum as additional rent under this Lease. The additional rent, deemed rent for all purposes under this Lease including collection by a non-payment summary proceeding, is due the first day of the first month of this Lease or otherwise as the Landlord may decide.

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#### 4. COMMUNITY SERVICE OR SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

The Tenant shall comply, and shall cause the non-exempt members of the Tenant's household to comply, with the Landlord's policy for administration of the community service and economic self-sufficiency activities required of public housing residents ("Community Service Policy"). Community service is the performance of voluntary works or duties that are a public benefit, and that serve to improve the quality of life, enhance resident self-sufficiency, or increase resident self-responsibility in the community. Community service is not employment and may not include political activities. Each adult non-exempt member of Tenant's household must perform eight hours of community service per month or participate in an economic self-sufficiency program for eight hours per month, as specified in the Landlord's Community Service Policy. Violation of the requirements of the Community Service Policy is grounds for non renewal of this Lease pursuant to Paragraph 19, hereof. The Landlord will deliver to the Tenant a detailed written description of the service requirement, exemption and compliance provisions of the Community Service Policy.

#### 5. **OCCUPANCY**

- The Leased Premises shall be the Tenant's only residence and shall be used solely as a residence a. for the Tenant and the members of the Tenant's household (i.e., those named in the signed application, born or adopted into the household, or authorized by the Landlord) who remain in continuous occupancy since the inception of the tenancy, since birth, or since authorization of the Landlord. The Tenant and the members of the Tenant's household shall have the right to exclusive use and occupancy of the Leased Premises.
- b. The Tenant shall obtain the written consent of the Housing Manager of the development in which the Leased Premises is located ("Development"), or such Housing Manager's designee, before allowing any person to reside in the Leased premises other than a family member named in the Tenant's signed application or born or adopted into the household, or subsequently authorized by the Landlord, who remains in continuous occupancy since the inception of the tenancy, since birth or since subsequent authorization by the Landlord.

#### REDETERMINATION OF RENT 6.

- The rent shall be redetermined by the Landlord on a date to be fixed by the Landlord and a. annually thereafter or within such other period as may be hereafter fixed by the Landlord. In addition to the annual redetermination, interim redetermination of rent shall be made in accordance with the rules, regulations and rent schedules of the Landlord which are posted in the manner set forth in Paragraph 22 hereof.
- b. If the Tenant fails to accurately report a change in income within 30 days after the event as provided in Paragraph 7 (d), or otherwise as the Landlord may direct, or misrepresents or misstates the correct income of the Tenant or any member of the Tenant's household, then, in addition to any other remedy available to the Landlord, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord additional rent in the amount of the difference between the rent which would have been charged by the Landlord to the Tenant had the correct income been reported to the Landlord at the time required and the rent actually paid by the Tenant during the period involved. Any retroactive charge shall be deemed rent for all purposes under this Lease including collection by a nonpayment summary proceeding,
- If the Tenant fails to provide all reportable income for the Tenant and other members of the c. Tenant's household, or if the Landlord is unable to verify such information as the Tenant does provide, then in addition to any other remedy available to the Landlord, the Tenant shall pay to

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the Landlord the applicable maximum rent for the Leased Premises as determined by the Landlord.

#### 7. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY THE TENANT

- a. The Tenant agrees to furnish such information, certification or signed statement, in the form fixed and at the times required by the Landlord, regarding the income, identity and composition of his/her/their household necessary to determine the rent, eligibility and the appropriateness of the size of the Leased Premises.
- b. The Tenant agrees to furnish to the Landlord upon request: such birth certificate; death certificate; Social Security Number; proof of citizenship or eligible immigration status; signed consent forms authorizing the disclosure of salary and wage information, unemployment compensation claim information, or tax return information; and such other documents or information as the Landlord may require to make the determination described in the preceding sub-paragraph or to otherwise comply with the requirements of law. The accuracy of any information furnished or document submitted by the Tenant is subject to independent verification by the Landlord.
- The Tenant shall notify the management office of the Development ("Management Office") of C. any birth or death or other changes in Tenant's household, within 30 days after the event.
- d. The Tenant shall report to the Management Office, within 30 days after the event,
  - the receipt of new public assistance by the Tenant or any member of the Tenant's (i) household or the discontinuance of public assistance for any such person;
  - the permanent cessation of full-time employment of the Tenant or any member of the (ii) Tenant's household;
  - the loss of full-time employment by the Tenant or a member of the Tenant's household (iii) which continues for a period of three months or the resumption by such person of fulltime employment; or
  - (iv) the commencement of full-time employment by the Tenant or any member of the Tenant's household.
- If the Tenant's income is derived in whole or in part from other than employment by a third e. party, the Tenant shall keep adequate and verifiable records, as required by the Landlord, of all cash transactions relating to investments, loans, funds received under trusts or grants, income and expense. These records and their supporting evidence, including bills, receipts, bank pass books, statements, canceled checks, and copies of returns submitted to government agencies, shall be made available for examination by the Landlord.

### 8. TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATE SIZE APARTMENT

The Tenant agrees to transfer, and to cause all members of the Tenant's household to transfer, to an appropriate size apartment in the Development or any other development, consistent with the regulations of the Landlord based on family composition, following notice that such transfer is required.

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#### 9. TRANSFER TO ANOTHER APARTMENT

The Tenant agrees to transfer, and to cause all members of the Tenant's household to transfer, to another apartment in the Development or any other development, if the Landlord requires vacant possession of the Leased Premises in order to repair or renovate the Leased Premises or the building in which they are located (which repairs and renovations Landlord in its sole discretion determines can not be accomplished while the Leased Premises is occupied), or if the Leased Premises is otherwise required by the Landlord for some other lawful purpose.

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### 10. UTILITIES, SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

The Landlord shall furnish without additional cost (except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 15(c)) heat and hot water in accordance with requirements of law and applicable rules and regulations of municipal and state agencies, gas and electricity in normal quantities which may be fixed hereafter by the Landlord (except that the Landlord shall not supply gas and electricity if the Development is one in which residents are charged directly by the provider utility company), and use of a stove and a refrigerator.

#### 11. SECURITY DEPOSIT

Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph "b" or "c" below, the Tenant shall deposit with a. the Landlord a security deposit to be used following the Tenant's vacating the Leased Premises as reimbursement for the cost of repairs beyond normal wear and tear and for rent or other charges owed by the Tenant. The amount of such deposit shall be the greater of one month's rent, as set forth in Paragraph 1 above, or the amount set forth in the appropriate item below:

Efficiency Apartment	\$ 154.00
3-1/2 Rooms	\$ 174.00
4-1/2 Rooms	\$ 194.00
5-1/2 Rooms	\$ 212.00
6-1/2 Rooms	\$ 223.00
7-1/2 Rooms	\$ 230.00

- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Tenant is in possession of the Leased Premises on the 1st day of January, 2001, Tenant shall not be required to pay any additional security for the Leased Premises under this Lease except as provided in the following sentence. The Tenant agrees to pay such additional security as may be required by reason of any modification of the foregoing schedule by the Landlord, provided such modification is lawfully adopted. Modification of the security deposit schedule shall be in accordance with the procedure for notice set forth in Paragraph 22 hereof.
- If the Tenant is subject to a Rent Security Agreement provided by the New York City Human c. Resources Administration instead of a cash security deposit, and if said Agreement ceases to be in effect, the Tenant shall, on the first day of the first month that said Agreement is no longer in effect or by such other date as the Landlord may direct, pay the Landlord a security deposit according to the terms of this Paragraph. If unpaid, such sum shall be assessed and charged as additional rent and shall be deemed rent for the purpose of a non-payment proceeding.

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### 12. TENANT'S OBLIGATIONS

It shall be the Tenant's obligations:

- a. Not to assign the Lease or to sublease the Leased Premises or to transfer possession of the Leased Premises;
- b. Not to provide accommodations for boarders or lodgers;
- c. To use the Leased Premises solely as a residential dwelling for the Tenant and the Tenant's household as identified in the Tenant's signed application, or subsequently authorized by the Landlord, and not to use the Leased Premises or permit its use for any other purpose;
- d. To abide by all necessary and reasonable regulations promulgated from time to time by the Landlord, which shall be posted in the Management Office and incorporated by reference in this Lease;
- e. To comply with all obligations imposed upon tenants in the City of New York by applicable laws, rules or regulations;
- f. To keep the Leased Premises and such other areas as may be assigned to the Tenant for the Tenant's exclusive use in a clean, sanitary and safe condition:
- g. To take every reasonable precaution to prevent fires;
- h. To dispose of all garbage, rubbish and other waste from the Leased Premises in a sanitary, safe and lawful manner;
- i. To maintain, care for, and at all times keep free from litter, any space on the grounds of the Development assigned to the Tenant for exclusive use;
- j. To refrain from littering the grounds of the Development and from shaking, cleaning or airing any bedclothes, rugs, mops, dust cloths, etc., at the windows, in the halls or on the roof of any building in the Development;
- k. To use only in a reasonable manner all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, air conditioning and other facilities and appurtenances including elevators;
- Not to alter the Leased Premises, or any fixtures or fittings in the Leased Premises, without the
  prior written consent of the Landlord, which may be granted or withheld in the Landlord's sole
  and absolute discretion;
- m. Not to install in the Leased Premises, without the prior written consent of the Landlord, any freezer, air conditioning unit, washing machine, clothes dryer, dishwasher, "ham" or other radio transmitter, or other electrical appliances hereafter restricted by the Landlord, or any television antenna or other antenna on the window sill or at any place outside of the Leased Premises, and, if such consent is given, not to install the same in any manner other than as prescribed by the Landlord;
- n To remove any prohibited electrical or other appliances or equipment from the Leased Premises whenever required by the Landlord;

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- To refrain from and to cause the Tenant's household and guests to refrain from destroying, o. defacing, damaging or removing any part of the Leased Premises or the Development;
- To pay reasonable charges for the repair of damages to Landlord owned appliances or the p. Leased Premises, other than for ordinary wear and tear, or to the Development, including damages to Development buildings, facilities or common areas, caused by the Tenant or the Tenant's household or guests;
- To act, and cause other persons who are in the Leased Premises with the consent of the Tenant q. to act, in a manner that will not disturb other residents' peaceful enjoyment of their accommodations and will be conducive to maintaining the Development in a decent, safe and sanitary condition;
- To assure that the Tenant, any member of the household, a guest, or another person under the r. Tenant's control, shall not engage in:
  - Any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of (i) the Development by other residents or by the Landlord's employees, or
  - (ii) Any violent or drug-related criminal activity on or off the Leased Premises or the Development, or
  - Any activity, on or off the Leased Premises or the Development, that results in a felony (iii) conviction;
- To pay all rent, additional rent, charges and security deposits provided herein on the first day of s. the month such sum becomes due, or otherwise as directed by or consented to by the Landlord;
- To comply with all of the provisions of this Lease applicable to the Tenant; t.
- To do everything necessary and proper to permit the Landlord to carry out its duties to all u. residents of the Development, and to do everything necessary and proper to permit the Landlord to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations of federal, state and municipal agencies;
- Not to keep any animals in the Leased Premises or on Development grounds, except for one v. domesticated dog or cat responsibly maintained as a household pet, or except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation or the Landlord's Pet Policy, and subject to the provisions of such policy including the following:
  - Permission to keep such pet must be obtained from the Landlord in compliance with the (i) Landlord's Pet Policy;
  - Any pet fee and/or pet deposit required by the Landlord's Pet Policy shall be paid as (ii) required thereunder and, if unpaid, shall be deemed and collectible as additional rent; and
  - In addition to any other remedy available to the Landlord, violation of the Landlord's (iii) Pet Policy may be grounds for removal of any pet or termination of the tenancy, or both.
- To comply with the directions given by the Landlord concerning moving date and time; w.

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- To abide by all regulations pertaining to the moving in of furniture in order to provide for x. proper vermin control, and to pay the cost of fumigation or extermination reasonably required in the Leased Premises following move-in;
- To clean windows in the Leased Premises from the inside and NOT from the outside: y.
- Not to display any sign or notice of any kind in the Leased Premises or have any exhibited from z. the windows of the Leased Premises;
- aa. Not to paint the Leased Premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord;
- To comply with and obey all rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Landlord bb. concerning the use and care of the Leased Premises or any common or community spaces or other places in the Development, including but not limited to stairs, halls, laundries, community rooms, storage rooms, walks, drives, playgrounds and parking areas; and
- To comply with and to do everything necessary and proper to permit the Landlord to comply cc. with applicable laws, rules and regulations concerning the installation and maintenance of smoke detectors, window guards and fire safety notices.

#### 13. THE LANDLORD'S OBLIGATION

Except with respect to any condition beyond the control of the Landlord, it shall be the Landlord's obligation:

- To maintain the common areas of the Development in a decent, safe and sanitary condition; a.
- b. To comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations of federal, state and municipal agencies;
- To make necessary repairs to the Leased Premises, excluding all Tenant owned appliances; c.
- To keep the Development buildings, facilities and common areas, not otherwise assigned to the d. Tenant for maintenance and upkeep, in a clean and safe condition;
- To maintain in good and safe working order and condition electrical, plumbing, sanitary, e. heating, ventilating, and other facilities and appliances, including elevators, supplied by the Landlord;
- f. To provide and maintain appropriate receptacles and facilities (except containers for the exclusive use of an individual tenant family) for the deposit of garbage, rubbish and other waste removed from the premises by the Tenant in accordance with Paragraph 12(h) hereof; and
- g. To supply running water and reasonable amounts of hot water and reasonable amounts of heat at appropriate times of the year as hereinbefore provided except where heat or hot water is generated by an installation within the exclusive control of the Tenant and supplied by a direct utility connection.

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### 14. HAZARDS TO LIFE, HEALTH OR SAFETY

In the event that the Leased Premises is damaged to the extent that conditions are created which are hazardous to life, health, or safety of the occupants:

- a. The Tenant shall immediately notify the Management Office of such damage or notify such other person or office as may be designated by the Landlord for that purpose;
- b. In the Landlord's sole discretion the Landlord shall repair the Leased Premises within a reasonable time, provided that, if the damage was caused by the Tenant or the Tenant's household or guests, the reasonable cost of repairs shall be charged to the Tenant;
- The Landlord shall offer standard alternative accommodations, if available, in circumstances c. where necessary repairs cannot be made within a reasonable time. Occupancy of such alternative accommodations shall be deemed to be pursuant to a revocable license granted by the Landlord subject to the terms of this lease or as otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing. except that the Tenant agrees to pay the lesser of (i) the rent for the Leased Premises, or (ii) the appropriate rent for the alternative accommodations. The Tenant agrees to return to the Leased Premises when repairs thereto are completed if requested to do so by the Landlord; and
- d. In the event repairs are not made in accordance with subparagraph 14 (b) hereof or alternative accommodations are not provided in accordance with subparagraph 14 (c) hereof, the rent shall abate during the period exceeding a reasonable time for repairs in which such repairs were not made, in proportion to the seriousness of the damage and loss in value as a dwelling, except that no abatement of rent shall occur if the Tenant rejects the alternative accommodations or if the damage was caused by the Tenant, Tenant's household or guests.

#### **15.** ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- a. In the event of damage to the Leased Premises or to fixtures beyond normal wear and tear, or in the event misuse of equipment results in additional maintenance costs, the Tenant shall pay the cost of labor and material for repair and for additional maintenance as set forth in a schedule to be posted by the Landlord pursuant to Paragraph 22 of this Lease. The Tenant shall also pay according to such schedule for damage to the common areas committed by any member of the Tenant's household. In the event that the damage is incapable of appraisal in advance, the Tenant agrees to pay the cost of labor and material actually expended for such repair. The Tenant may also be charged for consumption of excess utilities, consumed in performance of such repairs.
- b. The Tenant shall pay as damages such reasonable charge or fee as is imposed by the Landlord for extra services required by reason of any violation by the Tenant or any member of the Tenant's household of any rule or regulation established by the Landlord for the proper administration of the Development, the protection of the Landlord's property or the safety and convenience of other residents.
- In addition to the foregoing charges, the Tenant shall pay (i) such charges as may be hereafter c. imposed for additional services provided by the Landlord at the Tenant's request, (ii) any installation and/or monthly service charge established by the Landlord in order to grant permission to the Tenant to install or use appliances enumerated in Paragraph 12(m) hereof, which charges may be covered by a separate agreement between the Tenant and the Landlord, (iii) any charge hereafter imposed by the Landlord for the provision of utilities such as gas or

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- electricity, (iv) the cost of replacing equipment lost by the Tenant or damaged beyond ordinary wear and tear, and (v) such charges as may be hereafter imposed by the Landlord regarding dishonored checks.
- d. Except in the case of a written agreement between the Landlord and Tenant which may otherwise provide, any charge assessed under the foregoing sub-paragraphs shall become due and collectible on the first day of the second month following the month in which said charge is made. If not paid the special charges set forth above shall be collectible in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

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### 16. INSPECTION

The Landlord or its representative and the Tenant shall be obligated to inspect the Leased Premises prior to the commencement of occupancy by the Tenant. The Landlord will furnish the Tenant with a written statement of the condition of the Leased Premises and the equipment provided with the Leased Premises. The statement shall be signed by the Landlord and the Tenant and a copy of the statement shall be retained by the Landlord in the Tenant folder. The Landlord shall be further obligated to inspect the Leased Premises at the time the Tenant vacates the same and to furnish the Tenant with a statement of any charges to be made in accordance with this Lease. The Tenant shall be invited to participate in the latter inspection during working hours of a regular business day unless the Tenant vacates without notice to the Landlord. In the event that the Tenant shall fail or refuse to sign any written statement provided for herein, the statement signed by the Landlord shall, nevertheless, be filed and shall be deemed to be accurate unless the Tenant files a grievance in accordance with the Grievance Procedures described in Paragraph 20 hereof.

### 17. RIGHT OF ENTRY

- a. The Landlord shall, upon reasonable advance notification to the Tenant, be permitted to enter the Leased Premises during reasonable hours for the purpose of performing routine inspection and maintenance, making improvements or repairs, or showing the premises for re-leasing. A written statement specifying the purpose of the Landlord's entry, delivered to the Leased Premises at least two days before such entry, shall be considered reasonable advance notification. If the Tenant fails to permit such entry to the Leased Premises after such notice has been given, the Landlord may enter the Leased Premises at any time thereafter without further notification:
- b. The Landlord may enter the Leased Premises at any time without advance notification when there is a reasonable cause to believe that an emergency exists;
- c. In the event that the Tenant and all adult members of the household are absent from the Leased Premises at the time of entry as permitted in this Paragraph 17, the Landlord shall leave at the Leased Premises a written statement specifying the date, time and purpose of entry prior to leaving the Leased Premises;

### 18. NOTICES

a. Except as provided in Paragraph 22 hereof or as may be otherwise provided by law or specified in this Lease, any notice to the Tenant required hereunder shall be in writing and delivered to the Tenant or an adult member of the Tenant's household residing in the Leased Premises or sent by prepaid or first class mail properly addressed to the Tenant;

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b. Notice to the Landlord shall be in writing, delivered to the Management Office or sent by prepaid or first class mail properly addressed to the Management Office.

### 19. TERMINATION OF LEASE

- a. The Landlord shall not terminate or refuse to renew this Lease other than for:
  - (i) violation of material terms of the Lease, such as failure to make payments due under the Lease or failure to fulfill any of the Tenant's obligations set forth in Paragraph 12 hereof, or
  - (ii) violation by any non-exempt member(s) of the Tenant's household of the Community Service Policy, referenced in Paragraph 4 herein, except that such violation will be grounds solely for non-renewal of the Lease at the end of any twelve-month Lease term, or
  - (iii) other good cause.
- b. Prior to the commencement of a non-payment proceeding, the Landlord shall give notice in writing to the Tenant requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent or surrender of the possession of the Leased Premises, (except that Landlord shall not have waived any right to collect all rent and additional rent due and owing should the lease be terminated and the tenant evicted from the Leased Premises) and advising the Tenant of his/her/their right to request a hearing upon his/her/their compliance with the conditions contained in the Grievance Procedures described in Paragraph 20 hereof. Such written notice shall be given no less than 14 days prior to commencement of the non-payment proceeding in the manner provided by Paragraph 18 of this Lease.
- c. (i) The Landlord shall give written notice of termination of the Lease within a reasonable time commensurate with the exigencies of the situation in the case of the creation or maintenance of a threat to the health or safety of other tenants or Landlord's employees or to the property;
  - (ii) In all other cases, the Landlord shall give 30 days' prior written notice of termination. The said notice of termination shall state the reason therefor.

## 20. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

All grievances concerning the obligations of the Tenant or the Landlord shall be resolved in accordance with the grievance procedures that are in effect at the time such grievance arises ("Grievance Procedures"), which Grievance Procedures are, or shall be, posted in the Management Office and are incorporated by reference in this Lease.

## 21. MODIFICATION OF LEASE

Except as otherwise provided herein this Lease may be modified by the Landlord on 30 days' prior written notice and only by a written rider or other amendment to the Lease.

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### 22. POSTING OF POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Schedules of special charges for services, repairs and utilities, rules and regulations and all items specifically herein required to be posted shall be publicly posted in a conspicuous manner in the Management Office and shall be furnished to the Tenant on request. Such schedules, rules and regulations may be modified from time to time by the Landlord, provided that the Landlord shall give at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Tenant if the Landlord, in its discretion, determines that the Tenant is affected thereby. Such notice shall set forth the proposed modification and the reason therefore and shall provide the Tenant an opportunity to present written comments which shall be taken into consideration by the Landlord prior to the proposed modification becoming effective. A copy of such notice shall be

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- delivered directly or mailed to the Tenant; or a.
- posted in at least 3 conspicuous places within the building in which the Leased Premises are b. located, as well as in a conspicuous place in the Management Office.

#### 23. AMENDMENTS TO RENT SCHEDULES

The Landlord may amend the rent/additional rent/charges schedules and the Tenant agrees to pay such sums due in accordance with such amendment, provided that, in effecting such amendment, the Landlord complies with all requirements of law, and further provided that notice thereof is given to the Tenant in the manner set forth in Paragraph 22 hereof.

#### 24. COMPLIANCE WITH LANDLORD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Tenant agrees to comply with all lawful rules and regulations promulgated by the Landlord from time to time, provided notice thereof is given in accordance with the procedure for notice set forth in Paragraph 22 hereof.

#### 25. CONDITION OF PREMISES UPON VACATING

The Tenant shall quit and surrender the Leased Premises in good order and repair, reasonable wear and tear excepted, whenever and for whatever reason this Lease is terminated.

#### 26. **SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any provision of this Lease shall violate any requirement of law, then such provision shall be deemed void, the applicable provision of law shall be deemed substituted, and all other provisions of this Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

#### JOINT AND SEVERAL OBLIGATION 27.

If more than one person joins in the execution of this agreement as Tenant, the covenants and agreements contained herein shall be deemed to be joint and several obligations, as though the applicable words were written in the plural.

#### CONTINUING TENANCY OBLIGATIONS 28.

If this Lease is not the original lease signed by the Tenant and the Landlord, but is subsequent to an existing lease, the existing lease shall be deemed terminated upon the execution of this Lease. However all nonpayment or breaches of tenancy obligations arising under the Tenant's former lease shall remain enforceable under

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this Lease, without regard to whether the former lease was for the Leased Premises or for a different apartment, either in the Development or any other development of the Landlord. All legal proceedings, including administrative actions, that commenced or could have commenced under the terms of the former lease, may commence or continue under this Lease. Any conditions placed against the tenancy under the former lease (for example, Probation or Permanent Exclusion) shall remain valid and will continue under this Lease. Permanent Exclusion of an individual from a former apartment shall continue as Permanent Exclusion of that individual from the Leased Premises.

## 29. VOID LEASE

This Lease shall not confer rights of public housing tenancy and shall be void if public housing tenancy rights do not exist or have been terminated.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have	executed this agreement on the	day of
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)
Plaintiff,	
- against -	
TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,	
Defendants.	

(With Exhibit "A")

General Counsel
New York City Housing Authority
Attorney for Defendants
250 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007
(212) 776-5259

RICARDO ELIAS MORALES

DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Steven J. Rappaport, Jeffrey Niederhoffer, Of Counsel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
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Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

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**EXHIBIT "B"** 

### Case 1:08-cv-01689-KMW

NYCHA Management Office DOUGLASS 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE, MANHATTAN, NY

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New York City Housing Author. LEASE ADDENDUM AND RENT NOTICE

Date

10/18/2005

Development DOUGLASS

Account 082-011-03C

Annual Income Review Quarter 2

ONE YEAR LEASE EFFECTIVE DATE (L.E.D.) 08/01/2005 APARTMENT SIZE 02

RENT NOTICE # 0821832705

Address 870 COLUMBUS AVE

APT 03C

Tenant O'NEILL, GERARD

household income. As a result of this review, NYCHA has determined your rent. NYCHA has updated its records of your family composition and income information, as indicated in this Notice.

MANHATTAN, NY 10025 Dear Tenant: NYCHA is sending you this Lease Addendum / Rent Notice after it completed a review of your family composition and \* Your new rent plus recurring charges beginning 11/01/2005 is......\$ 196.00 (See detail below) I. FAMILY COMPOSITION AND OCCUPANCY NOTICE The following are the names of each authorized member of your household. If any of the persons listed has a child newly born to him or her, legally adopts a child, or is declared by a court to be the guardian of a child, the child may permanently reside in the household if you report the child to the Housing Manager. No other person is permitted to reside permanently in the household unless the Housing Manager grants you WRITTEN PERMISSION to add that person to your household. NAME SOCIAL SECURITY DATE OF NAME SOCIAL SECURITY DATE OF LAST 4 DIGITS BIRTH LAST 4 DIGITS 1 O'NEILL, GERARD 8094 11/16/1951 II. RENT NOTICE Your rent DECREASED after NYCHA completed an INTERIM income review.

Additionally, NYCHA will retroactively CREDIT your account for the sum of \$ 939.00 for the period of -08/01/2005 -TO -10/30/2005 -This is additional rent that you --- SHOULD NOT HAVE PAID. III. CHOICE OF RENT CALCULATION Federal regulations permit the Housing Authority to calculate your rent in one of two ways, either: INCOME BASED RENT OR FLAT RENT and gives you the right to choose which method you prefer. Since NYCHA assumes that you will always want to pay the lower amount of rent, we automatically charge you the lower amount. Compare the following two types of rent. Your **NEW RENT** listed above is based on the **LESSER** of these two amounts: . RENT BASED ON INCOME: 30% of adjusted gross income less allowable deductions OR the Welfare Shelter allowance, less any utility allowance if you pay a utility bill directly to the utility company, plus additional recurring charges is \$ 196.00 . RENT BASED ON A FLAT RENT: Based on rent charged for similar sized apartment in a private building, plus additional 347.00 recurring charges is.....\$ If you wish to pay the higher amount or have questions about rent, you may request a meeting with your Housing Assistant. For a detail of recurring charges, such as parking or air conditioner fees, see attached page. Notice of Rights: You may request a meeting with your Housing Assistant to review the above information. If at the meeting you think that some information is wrong or that your rent was calculated incorrectly, you may request a grievance hearing with the Housing Manager. A copy of the grievance procedure is available at the Management Office. Prepared by Housing Assistant GLENN RICHTER Date 10/18/2005

Approved and Signed by Housing Manager CLARA ESPINAL

Date 10/18/2005

NYCHA 040.623(04/05)

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	SSI		\$ 888.00
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Annual Review Summary (05)

O'NEILL, GERARD

Apt.Size: 02

Act#: 011 - 03C Proj#: 082

Prv.Rnt: 668.00

Income Past Anticipated

12 Months Name Income Source Income Explanation GERARD Social Security | 7344 | 612 \* 12

888 | 74 \* 12 SSI

8232 | Gross Anticipated Inc. Totals | 0 | Deductions

400 | Deductions Eld/Fmy: 400

7832 | Net Income for Rent

Rent: 196.00 + Chrgs: .00 - Util: .00 = Monthly Payment: 196.00

RCN No.: 0821832705 Rent Class: 02 Retro Chg: .00

Retro Cr.: 939.00 RCN Eff.Date: 1105

Prepared by: GLENN RICHTER Date: 100705 Title: HA

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## **NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

## **OCCUPANT'S AFFIDAVIT OF INCOME**

YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM TO THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE BY THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED ON THE ADDRESS LABEL

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HOME TELEPHONE NO.
WORK TELEPHONE NO
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DO NOT DETACH THIS FORM - KEEP ALL PAGES FASTENED READ ENCLOSED INSTRUCTION LETTER - COMPLETE ALL OF THIS DOCUMENT

P.O. Box or Street Address City & State **MAILING ADDRESS** Zip Code + 4 (if different from above)

NOTICE: List all occupants living in your apartment. Failure to do so may deprive them of all rights of occupancy. No person is allowed to reside in your apartment except authorized members of your family (which is based on authorized original family members who remain in continuous residence and births), unless written permission is REQUESTED by you and GRANTED by Management.

FAMILY COMPOSITION

Information about race and ethnicity is required for statistical purposes to ensure non-discrimination in public housing programs. For each family member, place the correct code in both the Ethnicity and Race boxes: Ethnicity Codes: NH = Non-Hispanic PR = Puerto Rican OH = Other Hispanic \*\*Race Codes: W = White B = Black Al/NA = American Indian/Native Alaskan A = Asian Pl = Pacific Islander School Name Date Relation-Social Security (Submit proof if full-Ethnicity Persons Living in Apartment Race οf ship Number time student and Birth over 18) Lessee

NOTICE:

The New York City Housing Authority may ask for proof of all statements made by you and an authorization signed by all adult members of your household for the release of information. Failure to return this Affidavit or supply any additional information required by the date requested, or willful submission of incorrect information, may result in a backcharge for rent, termination of your lease and civil or criminal prosecution.

TO BE SIGNED BY PERSON(S) WHO SIGNED LEASE: I/We certify that the information listed on all pages of this form is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We authorize the New York City Housing Authority to independently verify the accuracy of all information submitted. I/We understand that providing false statements or information is punishable under Federal and local laws. I/We also understand that providing false statements or information is grounds for termination of tenancy. Further, I/we have read or have had read to me/us the above statement.

TENANTS' CERTIFICATION — SIGN ONLY AFTER COMPLETING ALL PAGES OF THIS FORM

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Ť	Do you or anyone in apartment own	ı an INTEREST in any REA	L ESTATE	e.g., house, apartment, store, wa	rehouse, vacant land?
7 / S	address of property; percent	of ownership; date of p	urchase;	y that indicates the following: original purchase price; amou d income, if any, for the past y	nt of existing loans
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	Name of Person(s) Owning Asset	Type of As	set	Current Book Value (attach copy of appraisal of broker's statement)	Income from Asset Past 12 Months
				\$	\$
v	Do you pay for child care to enable	you to work or seek emple	oyment?	J. T.	
	Name, Address, Telephone an of Child Care Provid	d Fax Number		Name of Children in Care	Amount Paid (attach statement signed by care provider)
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N	Do you pay for care of a Senior Ci complete this section.  Name, Address, Telephone a of Care Provide	nd Fax Number		ou to work or seek employment?  of Senior Citizen/Disabled Person	Amount Paid
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Υ	ANNUAL WINDOW GUARD SURVEY – REQUIRED BY LAW					
The New York City Health Code requires the installation of WINDOW GUARDS in your apartment if you have children 10 years of age or younger, or if children 10 years of age or younger visit your apartment. The New York City Housing Authority will install window guards FREE OF CHARGE. You must complete the questionnaire in this section.						
	FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTI	IONNAIRE IS A VIOLATION OF LAW				
	CHECK ALL BOXES T	THAT APPLY TO YOU				
	I NEED WINDOW GUARDS.	I DO NOT NEED WINDOW GUARDS.				
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LES	SSEE'S NAME (Print)  O'NTILL	DATE				
LES	LESSEE'S SIGNATURE ON WILL					
	IMPORTANT NOTICE!!					

IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW TO INTERFERE WITH OR TO REFUSE THE INSTALLATION OF WINDOW GUARDS IF THERE ARE CHILDREN 10 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER LIVING IN OR VISITING THE APARTMENT, OR TO REMOVE ANY WINDOW GUARDS ALREADY INSTALLED. THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL REPORT ALL VIOLATIONS TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PROSECUTION.

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L	٦	Date:
Dear Tenant:		
We have repeatedly requincome review:	uested the following in	nformation from you related to your annual
YOUR 2005 ANNUAL INCOME	REVIEW PAPERS & P	ROOF OF ALL INCOME
We have not yet received this in	formation.	
The verification of your information if you wish to continuous	family income is a long the family income is a long the family in public house	egal requirement. You must provide us this busing.
Because you have not pro	ovided this informatio	n on 8/1/05
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may file a grievance even after the of rent that you owe. If you show it	rent increases. To get a notice that the	grievance form with the Project Manager. You grievance you must pay the <u>undisputed</u> amound delay in submitting verification of income to us maximum and make the necessary adjustments
		MYRNA CASTRO
		Housing Manager

GERARD O'NEILL 870 COLUMBUS AVENUE - 3C NEW YORK, NY 10025	<b>7</b>
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	Date: 6/1/05
Dear Tenant:	
You recently received our reverify your family income:	quest that you provide us with the following information to
YOUR 2005 ANNUAL INCOME	REVIEW PAPERS, INCLUDING PROOF OF INCOME
We have not yet received this inform	nation.
The verification of your faminformation if you wish to continue li	ily income is a legal requirement. You must provide us this ving in public housing.
, we will raise non-verifiable rent for your family s	your rent to \$ 668
If you are unable to provide questions, please contact the Project Office at 212-865-7200	e the information we have requested, or if you have any ct Manager or your Housing assistant at the Management  —
	MYRNA CASTRO
	Housing Manager

Gerard O'Neill 870 Columbus Avenue - 3C New York, NY 10025	乛		
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		Date: 5/1/05	
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)
Plaintiff,	
- against -	
TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,	
Defendants.	

## EXHIBIT "B" DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

RICARDO ELIAS MORALES
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New York City Housing Authority
Attorney for Defendants
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New York, New York 10007
(212) 776-5259

Steven J. Rappaport, Jeffrey Niederhoffer, Of Counsel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GERARD O'NEILL,

Plaintiff,

08 CV 1689 (KMW) (RLE)

-against-

Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

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Defendants.

**EXHIBITS "C" THROUGH "D"** 

Rent Change Notice

RCN # 0821697604

Tenant	O'NEILL, GERARD	Date	June	10,	2004	
Address	870 COLUMBUS AVE Apartment 03C					
	NEW YORK, NY 10025-					

#### Rent Change

YOUR NEW RENT IS \$ 191.00 , BEGINNING ON August 1, 2004
Your old rent was \$ 188.00 .
The Increase is \$ 3.00 .
YOUR RENT IS DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

(Housing Manager)

Reason for rent change: Annual review

### Notice of Rights

You may request a meeting with your Housing Assistant to review this information. After this meeting, if you think your rent was calculated incorrectly, you may request a grievance hearing with the Manager. A copy of the grievance procedure is available at the Management Office.

Prepared By (Housing Assistant)

GLENN RICHTER

Date <u>6/10/04</u>

Approved and Signed By / Signed CLARA ESPINAL

Date 6/10/04

## Case 1:08-cv-01689-KMW Document 6-5 Filed 04/11/2008 Page 4 of 13 CALCULATION OF RENT EDERAL PROJECT - STATUTOR TENANT

	CALCULATION OF RENT - EDERAL PROJECT - STATUTOR TENANT		
	Account Number: 011 - 03C Date: 6/10/04	RCN #	0821697604
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	PROJECTED ANNUAL GROSS INCOME		
1.	HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:		
	GERARD Social Security		
_	SSI	\$	900.00
	TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL GROSS INCOME:		
	PROJECTED ANNUAL DEDUCTIONS		
4.	DEPENDENTS: dependents * \$ each =	\$	.00
5.	CHILD CARE ALLOWANCE: You verified \$ of expenses		
	for care of children under 13, to allow family members to work where no family member was available		
	to care for the children. The maximum deduction		
	allowed for children is \$ . Your Deduction is	\$	.00
6.	HANDICAP ASSISTANCE EXPENSES: You verified \$		
	of handicap-related expenses paid either to enable		
	a handicapped family member to work or to care for a		
	handicapped family member while other family members work. We subtract 3% of line 3, \$ 241.56 . Your	•	
	deduction is $\dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots$	s	.00
7.	ELDERLY: 1 persons 62 or older * \$ 400 =	\$	400.00
	MEDICAL EXPENSES WHERE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR SPOUSE		
	IS ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED OR DISABLED: You verified		•
	\$ of family medical expenses. We subtract 3%	<b>~</b>	0.0
_	of line 3, \$ . Your deduction is PUBLIC BENEFIT EMPLOYMENT: You verified \$ of	>	.00
9.	public benefit employment income, of which a maximum		
	of \$ is deductible. Your deduction is	\$	.00
10.	MISC.DEDUCTIONS (Brooke/Housing Authority):	\$	.00
11.	TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL DEDUCTIONS:	\$	400.00
	MONTHLY RENT		
12.	PROJECTED ANNUAL NET INCOME (line 3 minus line 11):	\$	7,652.00
	BASE MONTHLY RENT:		
14.	ADDITIONAL MONTHLY RENT FOR AMENITIES:		
	TOTAL	\$	.00
15.	MONTHLY UTILITIES CREDIT:	٠. ٠ ٠	.00
16.	YOUR TOTAL MONTHLY RENT, EFFECTIVE August 1, 2004	\$	191.00

## NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSES 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10025

September 22, 2006

Gerard O'Neill 870 Columbus Avenue – 3C New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

In accordance with the established policy and procedures of the Authority, the entire record of your tenancy is being forwarded to the Office of the Tenancy

Administrator for review.

Before final decision is made concerning termination of your lease (Non-Verified

Income, failure to submit 2006 annual income review & proof of income), you will be offered an opportunity to appear at a hearing at Central Office. You will be informed in advance of the date and place of such hearing, and you may then bring an attorney or any person or persons whom you wish to assist or represent you.

Very truly yours,

Myrna Castro
Housing Manager

## NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSES 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10025 (212) 865-7200

July 26, 2006

Gerard O'Neill 870 Columbus Avenue – 3C New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr O'Neill:

We have not received a reply to our letter urging you to appear for an interview to discuss the possible <u>termination of your lease</u> because of **Non-Verified Income**.

A final opportunity is being offered to you to discuss this matter and to give your side of the story before a decision is made regarding your eligibility. Another appointment has been arranged for

Friday, July 28, 2006, 9:30 a.m., with Assistant Manager S. Pickens. Make sure to show this letter to the receptionist.

The final decision on the question of your being allowed to remain as a tenant depends upon the results of this interview, as well as a review of your entire record.

If you fail to keep this appointment, it will be necessary to forward your record to the Central Office of the Housing Authority with a recommendation that legal action to terminate your lease be started.

Very truly yours,

Myrna Castro Manager

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## NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSES 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10025 (212) 865-7200

June 15, 2006

Gerard O'Neill 870 Columbus Avenue – 3C New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This is to advise you that <u>termination of your lease</u> is being considered because Non-Verified Income—failure to submit your 2006 annual income review papers, along with income verification.

Before further action is taken, you are being offered an opportunity to discuss this important matter in detail. Accordingly, an appointment has been arranged for you in the Management Office on Monday, June 19, 2006, 9 a.m., with Assistant Manager Sharon Pickens.

If this time is inconvenient, please contact this office immediately to arrange another appointment.

This is a very serious matter and you are urged to make every effort to keep this appointment. Make sure to show this letter to the receptionist.

Very truly yours,

Myrna Castro Housing Manager

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	870 Columbus Avenue - 30	•	
	New York, NY 10025		Annual Review Period 2006
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	ANNU	JAL REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	ON REQUEST
Dear To	enant:		
You rec	cently received the Occupant's A	Affidavit of Income, requesting that you provide N	YCHA with information to verify your family
		not yet received this information. Verification of	
		ormation if you wish to continue living in public	
		requested items to your Managemen	
if you F	AIL to submit these forms by the	e due date, NYCHA can do any of the following:	
• Ba	ck-Charge Your Rent account	and charge you the amount of rent you should I	have paid if the papers were turned in on time
(Re	etroactive Rent Charges)		
• Sta	art TERMINATION OF TENANC	Y PROCEEDINGS to terminate your lease	
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24. INTEREST/ASSETS: Proof of interest from bank accounts and other assets.

23. CONTRIBUTIONS: (Alimony/Child Support/Family Donations) Complete enclosed Contribution Form.

25. PROOF OF DEDUCTIONS: Proof of following expenses claimed as a deduction:

26. OTHER: YOUR 2006 ANNUAL INCOME REVIEW PAPERS AND PROOF OF ALL INCOME: DON'T DELAY

SCHOOL AID: Financial aid award letter indicating the amount of monies received and the cost of tuition, books and

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSES 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE 1ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025 TEL: (212) 865-7200

> MAY 14, 2007 RE: Failure to submit 2007 Affidavit of income

GERARD O'NEILL 870 COLUMBUS AVENUE #3C NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025

Dear RESIDENT:

We have not received a reply to our letter urging you to appear for an interview to discuss the possible termination of your lease.

A final opportunity is being offered to you to discuss this matter and to give your side of the story before a decision is made regarding your eligibility. Another appointment has been arranged for TUESDAY 05/22/07 @ 9:30 AM TO SEE MS. RAMOS (NON-VERIFIABLE INCOME)

The final decision on the question of your being allowed to remain as a tenant depends upon the results of this interview, as well as a review of your entire record.

If you fail to keep this appointment, it will be necessary to forward your record to the Central Office of the Housing Authority with a recommendation that legal action to terminate your lease be started.

Very truly yours,

Manager

Very truly yours,

Housing Manager

#### NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSES 880 COLUMBUS AVENUE, 1ST FL NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025 (212) 865-7200

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Dear	RESIDENT:		
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FREDERICK DOUGLASS	Houses
RETURN YOUR ANNUAL PACKET ALONG	WITH
PROOF OF INCOME TO MS. RAMOS	
BEFORE 05/02/07	

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GERARD O'NEILL 870 COLUMBUS AVENUE #03C		Tenant Account 082-011-03C
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### ANNUAL REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

#### Dear Tenant:

You recently received the Occupant's Affidavit of Income, requesting that you provide NYCHA with information to verify your family composition and income. NYCHA has not yet received this information. Verification of your family composition and income is a legal requirement. You must provide this information if you wish to continue living in public housing.

**DUE DATE**: Please return all requested items to your Management office by: 05/02/07

If you FAIL to submit these forms by the due date, NYCHA can do any of the following:

- Back-Charge Your Rent account and charge you the amount of rent you should have paid if the papers were turned in on time (Retroactive Rent Charges)
- Start TERMINATION OF TENANCY PROCEEDINGS to terminate your lease

If you are not able to provide the information requested or if you have questions, need additional

		or help completing these forms, call or visit your Housing Assistant.
The	foll	owing information is needed to complete your income review:
1.		OCCUPANT'S AFFIDAVIT: Completed Occupant's Affidavit of Income (all 8 pages).
2.	Ø	CONSENT: Third Party Verification – Consent to Release Information signed by ALL &
3.		BIRTH: Copy of Birth Certificate for
4.		CITIZENSHIP: Enclosed Declaration of Citizenship Status for
5.		SCHOOL: Verification of school attendance for
6.		DISABILITY: Enclosed Disability Status and Notice of Reasonable Accommodation.
7.		VACATING FAMILY MEMBER: Proof that the following person(s) moved out of the household:
8.		DEATH: Copy of Death Certificate for
9.		WINDOW GUARDS: Complete enclosed Annual Window Guard Survey form.
10.		EMPLOYMENT: Enclosed Employment form (MD34) for
11.		IRS TRANSCRIPT: Enclosed form 4506T – Request for Transcript of Tax Return signed by &
12.		UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment Insurance book and cover letter from the UIB office.
13.		SS HISTORY: Social Security Earnings History for
		NON-EMPLOYMENT: Enclosed Affirmation of Non-employment for
		SS: Recent Social Security Letter indicating the amount of Social Security received for
16.		SSI: Recent Social Security Letter indicating the amount of Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) received for
17.		WELFARE: Latest Public Assistance budget printout listing all family members on the budget and amount received.
		MILITARY INCOME: Summary of Military Earnings for
		VA: Recent letter from the Veterans Administration indicating amount received for
		PENSION/RETIREMENT: A copy of recent pension check or recent letter from union stating benefit amount received for
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26.		OTHER: PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ANNUAL PACKET TO MS. RAMOS BEFORE 05/02/07.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)

Plaintiff,

- against -

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendants.	

# EXHIBITS "C" THROUGH "D" TO THE DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

RICARDO ELIAS MORALES
General Counsel
New York City Housing Authority
Attorney for Defendants
250 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007
(212) 776-5259

Steven J. Rappaport, Jeffrey Niederhoffer, Of Counsel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	<b>.</b>
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YO	RK

GERARD O'NEILL,

Plaintiff,

08 CV 1689 (KMW) (RLE)

-against-

Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendants.

**EXHIBITS "E"** 

DOUGLASS HOUSES

Civil Court of the City of New York, Housing Part County of PUBLICLY FUNDED BY NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. TEL. NO. (212) 776-5200

Managed NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORIT

Petitioner (Landlord)

870 COLUMBUS AVE

N.Y. 10025

GERARD O'NEILI

MANHATTAN

Respondent (Tenant(s)

Non-Payment Dwelling

New York, N.Y. 10007 Petitioners Business Address 250 Broadway

IMPORTANT TO RESPONDENT:

If you are dependent upon a person in the Military Service of the United States or the State of New York, advise the Clerk of the Court immediately in order to protect your rights.

possession thereof: To the respondent(s) above named and described, in possession of the premises hereinafter described or claiming

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annexed petition of The New York City Housing Authority verified the 27TH day of SEPTEMBER 2005 prays for a final judgment of eviction, awarding to the petitioner possession of the premises described as follows: All rooms of Apartment No. 03C, on the 3RD floor, premises located at: 870 COLUMBUS AVE County of NEW YORK in the City of New York, as demanded in the petition

TAKE NOTICE also that demand is made in the petition for judgment against you for the sum of with interest from date said sum or part thereof became due, plus cost and disbursements therein

e service thereof, nearing the petit TAKE NOTICE also that WITHIN FIVE DAYS after service of this Notice of Petition upon you, you must answer there or or of New York of this Court at 111 Centre St., New York, NY 10013 in the Borough of NANHATTAN County of NEW YORK City and State of New York, or in writing by serving a copy thereof upon the undersigned attorney for the petitioner, and by filing the original of such answer, with proof of service thereof, in the office of the Clerk. Your answer may set forth any defense or counterclaim you may have against the petitioner. On receipt of your answer, the Clerk will fix and give notice of the date for trial or hearing, judgment is rendered against you, the issuance of a warrant dispossessing you may, in the discretion of the Court, be stayed for FIVE days from the date of such judgment. you must answer

TAKE NOTICE also that if you fail to interpose and establish any defense that you may have to the call legations of the petition, you may have precluded from asserting such defense or the claim on which it is based in any other proceeding or action. In the event you fail to answer and appear, final judgment by default will be entered against you but a warrant dispossessing you will not be issued until the tenth day following the date of the service of this Notice of Petition upon you.

within 30 days of the first Court appearance. Failure to comply with an initial rent deposit or payment order may result in the entry of antipal judgment against you without a trial. Failure to make subsequent required deposits or payments may result in arr-immediate trial on the issues raised in your answer. an adjournment or if the proceeding is not settled or a final determination has not been made by the Court required by the Court to make a rent deposit, or a rent payment to the petitioner, upon your second request for TAKE NOTICE that under Section 745 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, you may be

Dated: City of New York, County of The 27TH day of SEPTEMBER 2005

Attorney for Petitione

Clerk of the Civil Court of the City of New York

JACK BAER

New York, N.Y. 10007 Telephone No. (212) 250 Broadway (212) 776-5200

Document 6-6 Case 1:08-cv-01689-KMW Filed 04/11/2008 Page 4 of 12 AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE - to be filled in on the back of the NOTICE OF PETITION Margarita Nunez Process Server State of New York, County of SS: Lic.# 1015245 Being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is not a party to this proceeding, is a licensed process server over 18 years of age. at 10 250 (A.M./P.M., at Neil Serard **DELIVERY** Delivery to respondent(s) therein named, by delivering a true copy thereof to said respondent(s) personally, deponent knew the person so served to be the person described as said **PERSONAL** respondent(s) therein. SERVICE a domestic corporation, by delivering thereat a true copy thereof to \_ lb. personally, deponent knew said corporation so served to be the corporation described therein as CORPORATION said respondent(s) and knew said individual to be an agent thereof, authorized to accept process. by delivering thereat a true copy thereof personally to a person of suitable age and discretion, who was willing to recieve same and who resides at/employed at said property, having previously called there on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_m, and SUBSTITUTED o'clock m. **SERVICE** The person served identified him/her self as: DEPONENT DESCRIBES THE INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTING SERVICE AS FOLLOWS: GENDER SKIN COLOR HAIR COLOR AGE HEIGHT WEIGHT Other identifying features: White Male ☐ White □ 14-20 under 5' under 100 Grey ☐ Female\* Black □21-35 **□** 5'0"-5'3" □ 100-130 Black Yellow □36-50 ☐ 5'4"-5'8" □ 131-160 □Brown [ Mustache] Brown □ 51-65 **□**5'9"-6'0" □ 161-200 Blonde [ Beard] Red over 65 Over 6' □ over 200  $\square$ Red [ Eyeglasses] □Bald by affixing a true copy/copies thereof upon a conspicuous part, to wit-the entrance door, or placing a true copy/copies under the entrance door of said property. Deponent was unable to gain admittance thereat or to find a person of suitable age and discretion **CONSPICUOUS** willing to recieve the same having eviously called there on 0CT 05 2005 and again on 0CT 06 2005 at 2002 o'clock/2 m. PLACE and again on **SERVICE** DEPONENT DESCRIBES THE PREMISES AS FOLLOWS: **COLOR** Other identifying features: **COLOR** COLOR **MATERIAL APARTMENT** APARTMENT HALLWAY HALLWAY HALLWAY DOOR HAS: WALLS: FLOORS: FLOORS: DOORS: Peephole Brown **□** White ■White ☐ Carpet Black □Bell Beige Tile Brown Red ☐ Knocker Marble Blue Black Green Nameplate □Green Other ☐Black&White □Blue ☐ Apt.# Other ? Other Other Other **MAILING** That on deponent served copies of the within Petition/Notice of Petition with attachment and exhibits on respondent Gerard O'Neill at the property sought to be recovered by depositing true copies same enclosed in a post paid addressed wrapper, in the post office by certified mail and regular mail within the City of New York at the property sought to be recovered by depositing true copies of the MAILING

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tion/Notice of Petition, Non-Payment of Rent (Dwelling) 01BA5032507

DARLENE BARONE Notary Public, State of New York Qualified in Nassau County

Commission Expires 08/29/\_

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Tenant(s) by giving to the other 30 days prior notice in writing. Whereby the said tenant(s) hired from the Landlord, for Dwelling Purposes, the premises from which removal is sought and which are described as follows: all rooms on the 3RD floor, apartment No. 03C at 870 COLUMBUS AVE , situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the Civil Court of the City of New York, County of NEW YORK a non-payment Summary Proceeding may be commenced against him/them. At least 14 days prior to commencement of this proceeding, notice by properly addressed pre-paid first class mail was given to the tenant(s), which advised of his/their right to file a Grievance if he/they contested the rent demanded of him/them and (a) no Grievance Proceeding has been premises pursuant to a written rental agreement **expiring yearly on the last day of**AUGUST 2006, and automatica renewable thereafter for successive terms of twelve (12) months each unless terminated by the landlord or by the Tenant(s) by giving to the other 30 days prior notice in writing. Whereby the said tenant(s) hired from the and require that the tenant(s) be given notice of his/their right to an Administrative Grievance Proceeding before provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as amended and to the Rules and Regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which among other things, regulate the rentals to be fixed by the Landlord commenced or, (b) the tenant(s) Grievance has been dismissed. owner and Landlord of the premises Respondent(s) GERARD O'NEILL The premises are situated in a Federally subsidzed Public Housing project and are subject to the applicable Petitioner is a public corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, which is the PETITION OF the NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY DOUGLASS HOUSES are the Tenant(s) in possession of said 2006, and automatically

4. Pursuant to said rental agreement (as amended), said Tenant(s) promised to pay to said Landlord, during the rental term, the sum of \$668.00 per month, payable monthly in advance, on the first day of each month.

5. That Tenant(s) entered into possession of the premises pursuant to the rental agreement and still occupies the

housing accommodations owned and operated by a public housing authority or sought to be recovered by such authority pursuant to statute or regulation under which the accommodation is administered, and not subject to the registration provisions of the Housing Maintenance Code or to the Rent Stabilization Law of 1969 (as amended) by reason of specific statutory exemptions. The premises are exempt from New York City Rent Control by reason of the specific statutory exemption of That the property herein sought to be recovered is the place of residence of the Tenant(s).

8. That on the first day of JUNE 2005 to the last day of SEPTEMBER 2005
Landlord by virtue of the said agreement (as amended) the sum of \$1,226.00
premises, and there also became dum to the said Landlord the sum of \$557
under the terms of said agreement constituting a total sum of \$668.17 \$1,226.00 for regular monthly rent of the \$557.83- chargeable as additional rent for regular monthly rent of the said

Said rent has been demanded from the Tenant(s) personally, since same became due

10. Respondents have defaulted in The payments thereof and hold over and continue in possession of said premises without Landlord's permiser and default. That your petitioner deplands indgement against the Tenant(s) for the said rent in arrears

WHEREFORE, your petitioned before for a diddinent awarding to the Landlord the possession of said premises together with costs of these proceedings, and for a Warrant to remove said Tenant(s) and Occupant(s) from the possession of said premises; and for a judgement or rentily arrears for the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the date of the sum of \$668.17 with interest from the sum o the petition herein, together with Bosts and disbursements of these proceedings. Dated: SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2005 > 5 with interest from the date of

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF **NEW YORK** NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Petitioner, By: YORK ss:

said premises and from the records and papers of petitioner MYRNA CASTRO being duly sworn, deposes and says:

This verification is made by deponent in behalf of petitioner under CPLR Sec. 3020(d)(2) as petitioner is a governmental agency. Deponent is employed by petitioner as Housing Manager of the aboved-described premises, has read the petition and knows that the contents thereof are true to deponent's knowledge, except to matters therein stated to be alledged on information and belief, and as to those matters deponent believes the same to be true. matter of the proceedings and information acquired by deponent in the course of deponent's duties not stated upon personal knowledge are investigations which deponent caused to be made concerning the subject The source of deponent's information and tke reason for deponent's belief as to all matters in the said petition as manager of

VICTOR M. GONZALEZ Sworn to becommine sponse Purched 31H, 2005 Notary Certificate filed in New York County City of New York,

Manager

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The Respondent is indicated improperly, by the wrong name, or is not indicated on the The Petitioner is not the Landlord or Owner of the building.	Petition and Notice of Petition.
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RENT	
The Respondent was not asked, either orally or in writing, to pay the rent before the Pet The Respondent tried to pay the rent, but the Petitioner refused to accept it.	titioner started this proceeding.
The monthly rent being requested is not the legal rent or the amount on the current lease	e.
The Petitioner owes money to the Respondent because of a rent overcharge.	·
The rent, or a portion of the rent, has already been paid to the Petitioner.	
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There are conditions in the apartment which need to be repaired and/or services which t	the Petitioner has not provided.
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YOU MUST APPEAR AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU.

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George O' Well Respondent(s)	
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nd the following added respondents(s):	
The clerk is directed to enter a judgment of possession in	a favor of petitioner(s) and against respondent(s)
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CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  COUNTY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING COURT PART
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NEW KORK CATY HOUSING AUTHORITY,  Against Petitioner Dated: 5/9  20 06
Name Gelalo Dhelland Address 270 Colymbus Avenue #30  Borough Wewyork 10025 Respondent  * Project Dewyork 10025 Respondent  Respondent
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THIS PROCEEDING:  1. Petition is hereby amended to include all rents due and owing to date in the sum
2. Final Judgment in favor of Petitioner for possession and for the sum of EYELLON OF UNE Warrant is stayed pursuant to the following schedule: Tenant-Respondent is to pay to Petitioner the sum of \$ 1767.64 on or before
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Upon default in any payment, stay is vacated and warrant to issuffer the Respondent

and consented to it

SO ORDERED:

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RICARDO ELIAS MORALES

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Gerard O'Neill	TO RESTORE TO THE CALENDAR  Address: OFRARD O'NELL
Responden	870 Columbus Ave Apr. 3C
Tenant's Initials    County of	ss.: , being duly sworn, deposes and says:
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	etition and Petition in this proceeding, filed my answer in the Clerk's Office and ce of Petition and Petition and the date had already passed.
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CIVIL-COURT OF THE CLIY OF NEW YORK ... INDEX NO. 022996/2005 HOUSTAND STORT SELENGER NUME 20, 2005 DECISION/ORDER NYCHA-DOUGLASS HUUSES PETITIONER(S), AGAINS ( PRESENT: O'NEILL GERARD RESPONDENT(S) KEVIN C. MCCLANAHAN JUDGE RECITATION, AS REGUIRED BY CPLR 2219(A), OF THE PAPERS CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW OF THIS OSC TO VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT/RESTORE TO THE CALENDAR PAPERS NUMBERFD NOTICE OF MOTION AND AFFIDAVITS ANNEXED..... ÓRDER 10 SHUW CAUSH AND AFFIDAVIIS ANNEXED.... ANSWERING AFFIDAVIIS....... REPLYING AFFIDAVITS..... STIPULATIONS....... UTHER UPON THE FOREGOING CITED PAPERS, THE DECISION/ORDER IN THIS MOTION IS AS FULLOWS: Equanted pu & -20-08 DATE . ADJOURNMENTS SEMERAJED: 06/09/2006 @ 14:10:47 EIV-LI-85 (//99) (REPLACES 43

## CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF HOUSING COURT PART NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Petitioner araré DIMP: Name 1 Respondents motion is granted as Address & Apt. Borough & Project Corte, New 1005 Respondent Follows. & werrant remain in effect, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THIS PROCEEDING: 1. Petition is hereby amended to include all rents due and owing to date 2. Final Judgment in favor of Petitioner for possession and for the sum of EXECUTION & Warrant is stayed pursuant to the following schedule: Tenant-Respondent is to pay 465.62 to Petitioner the sum of \$ on or before Upon default in any payment, stay is vacated and warrant to forthwith. RICARDO ELIAS MORALES SO ORDERED: Attorney ELITO B COHEN JUDGE, HOUSING COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)
Plaintiff,	
- against -	
TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,	
Defendants.	

## EXHIBITS "E"TO THE DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

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Steven J. Rappaport, Jeffrey Niederhoffer, Of Counsel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GERARD O'NEILL,

Plaintiff,

08 CV 1689 (KMW) (RLE)

-against-

Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendants.

**EXHIBITS "F"** 

250 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10007 Telephone No. (212) 716-5200 Attorney for Petition RICARDO ELIAS MORALES Dated: City of New York. The 31ST day of OCTOBER possession thereot:

PUBLICLY FUNDED BY NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. TEL. NO. (212) 776-5200 Civil Court of the City of New York. Housing Part L & T Index No. County of NEW YORK

Managed By: DOUGLASS HOUSES NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Petitioner (Landlord)

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GERARD O'NEILL

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870 COLUMBUS AVE

To the respondent(s) above named and described. in possession of the premises hereinafter described or claiming Respondent (Tenant(s)

Petitioners Business Address: 250 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10007

Non-Payment Dwelling

It you are dependent upon a person in the Military Service of the United States or

IMPORTANT TO RESPONDENT:

the State of New York, advise the Clerk of the Court immediately in order to protect

your rights.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annexed petition of The New York City Housing Authority verified the OCTOBER 2006 prays for a final judgment of eviction, awarding to the petitioner possession of described as follows: All rooms of Apartment No. 03C, on the 3RD floor, premises located at: 870 COLUMBUS AVE County of NEW YORK in the City of New York, as demanded in the City of New York, as demanded in the petition the premises

with TAKE NOTICE also that demand is made in the petition for judgment against you for the sum of with interest from date said sum or part thereof became due. plus cost and disbursements therein

either orally before the Clerk of this Court at 111 Centre St. New York. NY 10013

MANHATTAN

County of NEW YORK

City and State of New York, or in writing by serving a copy thereof upon the undersigned attorney for the petitioner, and by filing the original of such answer, with proof of service thereof, in the office of the Clerk. Your answer may set forth any defense or counterclaim you may have against the petitioner. On receipt of your answer, the Clerk will fix and give notice of the date for trial or hearing which will be held not less than 3 nor more than 8 days thereafter, at which you must appear. If, after the trial or hearing, judgment is rendered against you, the issuance of a warrant dispossessing you may, in the discretion of the Court, be stayed for FIVE days from the date of such judgment. TAKE NOTICE also that WITHIN FIVE DAYS after service of this Notice of Petition upon you, you must answer

TAKE NOTICE also that if you fail to interpose and establish any defense that you may have to the allegations of the petition, you may have precluded from asserting such defense or the claim on which it is based in any other proceeding or action. In the event you fail to answer and appear, final judgment by default will be entered against you but a warrant dispossessing you will not be issued until the tenth day following the date of the service of this Notice of Petition upon you.

TAKE NOTICE that under Section 745 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, you may be required by the Court to make a rent deposit, or a rent payment to the petitioner, upon your second request for an adjournment or if the proceeding is not settled or a final determination has not been made by the Court within 30 days of the first Court appearance. Failure to comply with an initial rent deposit or payment order may result in the entry of a final judgment against you without a trial. deposits or payments may result in immediat armal on the issues raised in your answer Failure to make subsequent required

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NEW YORK COUNTY CIVIL COURT

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE - to be filled in on the back of the NOTICE OF PETITION State of New York, County of Being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is not a party to this 870 Columbus AV +3C deponent served the within Petition/Notice of Petition with attachment and exhibits upon respondent(s) therein named as follows: **DELIVERY** Delivery to respondent(s) therein named, by delivering a true copy thereof to said respondent(s) personally, deponent knew the person so served to be the person described as said **PERSONAL** respondent(s) therein. SERVICE a domestic corporation, by delivering thereat a true copy thereof to \_ 1b. personally, deponent knew said corporation so served to be the corporation described therein as CORPORATION said respondent(s) and knew said individual to be an agent thereof, authorized to accept process. by delivering thereat a true copy thereof personally to a person of suitable age and discretion, who was willing to recieve same and who resides at/employed at said property, having previously called there on \_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_m, and Ic. SUBSTITUTED SERVICE The person served identified him/her self as: DEPONENT DESCRIBES THE INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTING SERVICE AS FOLLOWS: GENDER SKIN COLOR HAIR COLOR **AGE HEIGHT** WEIGHT Other identifying features: White Male −□White □ 14-20 under 5' under 100 Grev Demale Black **21-35** ☐ 5'0"-5'3" □ 100-130 Black ¥# Yellow **□**36-50 **5'4"-5'8"** □ 131-160 Brown Mustache) **5'9"-6'0"** Brown □51-65 □161-200 Blonde [[3]Beard] Red □over 65 Over 6' ☐ over 200 Red Bald by affixing a true copy/copies thereof upon a conspicuous part, to wit-the entrance door, or placing a true copy/copies under the entrance door of said property. Deponent was unable to gain admittance thereat or to find a person of suitable age and discretion willing to recieve the same, having previously called there on the same, having previously called there on a colock at m, and again on the same, and again on the same, having previously called there on the same, having previously called the same and discretion of suitable age and discretion willing to recieve the same, having previously called there on the same and the same are same as the same and the same are same as the same are same as the same are same CONSPICUOUS PLACE SERVICE DEPONENT DESCRIBES THE PREMISES AS FOLLOWS: COLOR Other identifying features: COLOR **MATERIAL APARTMENT** COLOR APARTMENT HALLWAY HALLWAY HALLWAY DOOR HAS: DOORS: FLOORS: FLOORS: WALLS: Peephole Brown □ Carpet ☐ White White Black Bell Tile Beige Brown Red ☐ Knocker Marble Blue Black Green ■ Nameplate ☐Black White Other Green □Blue ☐Apt.# Other Reck Other Other Other MAILING deponent served copies of the within Petition/Notice of Petition with attachment and exhibits on respondent depositing true copies same enclosed in a post paid addressed wrapper, in the post office by certified mail and regular mail within the City of New York at the property sought to be recovered by depositing true copies of the MAILING AM Day of Dec. Sworn to before me on:

Original Petition/Notice of Petition, Non-Payment of Rent (Dwelling State of NY NYCHA 040.083D (6/99)

Qualified in New York

MARIAN GARCIA

Wellingtary Public, State of NY

No. 010L5055672

Qualified in New York County

Commission Expires 07/28/20/0





1. Petitioner is a public corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, which is the owner and Landlord of the premises THE PETITION OF the NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY DOUGLASS HOUSES The premises are situated in a Federally subsidzed Public Housing project and are subject to the applicable

a non-payment Summary Proceeding may be commenced against him/them. At least 14 days prior to commencement of this proceeding, notice by properly addressed pre-paid first class mail was given to the tenant(s), which advised of his/their right to file a Grievance if he/they contested the rent demanded of him/them and (a) no Grievance Proceeding has been provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as amended and to the Rules and Regulations of the United States Desertment of Housing and Urban Development which among other things, regulate the rentals to be fixed by the Landlord. commenced or, (b) the tenant(s) Grievance has been dismissed. d require that the tenant(s) be given notice of his/their right to an Administrative Grievance Proceeding before

premises pursuant to a written rental agreement expiring yearly on the last day of DECEMBER 2006, and automatica renewable thereafter for successive terms of twelve (12) months each unless terminated by the landlord or by the Tenant(s) by giving to the other 30 days prior notice in writing. Whereby the said tenant(s) hired from the Landlord, for Dwelling Purposes, the premises from which removal is sought and which are described as follows: all rooms on the 3RD floor, apartment No. 03C at 870 COLUMBUS AVE situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the Civil Court of the City of New York. County of NEW YORK . Respondent(s) GERARD O'NEILL are the Tenant(s) in possession of said DECEMBER 2006, and automatically

4. Pursuant to said rental agreement (as amended), said Tenant(s) promised to pay to said Landlord, during the rental term; the sum of \$196.00 per month, payable monthly in advance, on the first day of each month.

5. That Tenant(s) entered into possession of the premises pursuant to the rental agreement and still occupies the

That the property herein sought to be recovered is the place of residence of the Tenant(s).

housing accommodations owned and operated by a public housing authority or sought to be recovered by such authority pursuant to statute or regulation under which the accommodation is administered, and not subject to the registration provisions of the Housing Maintenance Code or to the Rent Stabilization Law of 1969 (as amended) by reason of specific statutory exemptions The premises are exempt from New York City Rent Control by reason of the specific statutory exemption of

8. That on the first day of **AUGUST** 2006 to the last day of OCTOBER 2006 Landlord by virtue of the said agreement (as amended) the sum of \$ 506, 36 premises, and there also became due to the said Landlord the sum of \$ 500 under the terms of said agreement, constituting a total sum of \$506.36 2006 there became and still is due said for regular monthly rent of the said chargeable as additional rent

9. Said rent has been demanded from the Tenant(s) personally. since same became due

10. Respondents have defaulted in the payments thereof and hold over and continue in possession of said premises without Landlord's permission after said default.

11. That your petitioner demands judgement against the Tenant(s) for the said rent in arrears.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays for a judgment awarding to the Landlord the possession of said premises together with costs of these proceedings, and for a Warrant to remove said Tenant(s) and Occupant(s) from the possession of the petition herein, together with costs and disbursements of these proceedings.

Dated: OCTOBER 31ST, 2006 said premises; and for a judgement for rent in arrears for the sum of \$506.36 with interest from the date of

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. Petitioner—By:

6 COURT. MYRAY CASTRO

MYRNA CASTRO

being dull sworn. deposes and says:

This verification is made by deponent in behalf of participage under CPLR Sec. 3020(d)(2) as petitioner is a governmental agency. Deponent is employed by petitioner as Housing Manager of the aboved-described premises, has read the petition and knows that the contents thereon are to deponent's knowledge, except to matters therein stated to be alledged on information and belief, and ascito those matters deponent believes the same to be true.

Stated to be alledged on information and belief. and ascito those matters deponent believes the same to be true. said premises and from the records and Chapperned Work North North 212554 The source of deponent's information and the reason for deponent's belief as to all matters in the said petition not stated upon personal knowledge are in the subject matter of the proceedings and information names and information names are proceedings.

Sworn to before ₹ on OCTOBER 31S Commission Expires: 1111 C Throng Car

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Civil Court of the City of New York
County of NEW YOVK Index Number 25727-04
NYCHA, ANSWER IN PERSON
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Plaintiff(s) VERIFICATION
against  VERIFICATION  Defendant is advised to mail a copy of this Answer to:
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GENERAL COUNSEL (Attorney for) the Plaintiff ONEW YORK CITY LICENSEL
Defendant(s)  NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY  250 BROADWAY 9th FLR  NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007
ANSWER IN PERSON
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in this action. As my answer to the allegation(s) made in the Complaint, I offer the following:
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Defendant's Telephone No.
<u>VERIFICATION</u>
State of New York, County of ss:
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I am the Defendant in this proceeding. I have read the Answer in Person and know the contents thereof
to be true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those
matters I believe them to be true.
Sworn to before me this
<u>D</u> 1 day of <u>Dec</u> , 20 06
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Notary Public Court Employee and Title Initial Calendar Date:
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## CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF New yor HOUSING COURT PART\_ HON. VILLAULA Petitioner Respondent's OSC is growled to the following extent: 870 Columbus Are, #3C Borough Manhatton, Douglas Respondent Prior Fine 1 Judgment is vacated. IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THIS PROCEEDING: 1. Petition is hereby amended to include all rents due and owing to date  $\frac{3}{3} / \frac{3}{1} / \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{3} / \frac{3}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{3} / \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac$ of \$ 11180.11 2. Final Judgment in favor of Petitioner for possession and for the sum of 3. Warrant is stayed pursuant to the following schedule: Tenant-Respondent is to pay to Petitioner the sum of \$ 1,186.11 \_\_\_\_\_\_ on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 4/16/07 4-Breakdown as Pollows: 9/06@balance \$4.11, 10/06 through 3/07 @ \$196.00 (x 6 mo.s 5- Payments made applied to current rent first. 6. legal fees waived. has been provided a breakdom which shows last zero belonce: September of 65 Upon default in any payment, stay is vacated and warrant to issue forthwith. execute RICARDO ELIAS MORALES

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INDEX # 025727/2006 JUDGMENT SEQ # 002

NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE,

**AGAINST** O'NEILL, GERARD Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

Decision and judgment is rendered based upon a stipulation entered into by the parties as follows: Judgment of possession is granted in favor of: NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE, and against

O'NEILL, GERARD

A counterclaim is granted in favor of the respondent in the amount of (which if not being entered separately is offset and reflected in the total amount due, listed below.)

A money judgment is hereby granted, along with cost and disbursements in the amount of \$0.00 in favor of: NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE, and against O'NEILL, GERARD

for a total amount of \$1180.11 (Monthly use and occupancy is set at \$0.00 per month, as per order, stipulation or decision in record.) Warrant to issue forthwith MAR 1 6 2007 Date

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# CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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HON. SCHREIBER
NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,  DOUGLAS  against  Petitioner  Dated: 1831 20 07  Address 870 COLUMBUS AVE #3-C  Borough My , W Respondent & Development  Respondent
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THIS PROCEEDING:  1. Petition is hereby amended to include all rents due and owing to date  of \$ \frac{768.0}{588.00}\$ in the sum of  \$ \frac{588.00}{588.00}\$ 3. Warrant is stayed pursuant to the following schedule: Tenant-Respondent is to pay to Petitioner the sum of \$ \frac{588.00}{588.00}\$ on or before \$ \frac{83107}{588.00}\$
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SO ORDERED: HON. MICHELLE D. SCHREIBER Attorney for Petitioner

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INDEX # 025727/2006 JUDGMENT SEQ # 003

NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE,

**AGAINST** O'NEILL, GERARD Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

Decision and judgment is rendered based upon a stipulation entered into by the parties as follows: Judgment of possession is granted in favor of: NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE, and against

O'NEILL, GERARD
A counterclaim is granted in favor of the respondent in the amount of \$0.00 (which if not being entered separately is offset and reflected in the total amount due, listed below.)

A money judgment is hereby granted, along with cost and disbursements in the amount of \$0.00 in favor of: NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE, and against O'NEILL, GERARD for a total amount of \$588.00 (Monthly use and occupancy is set at s set at \$0.00 per month, as per order, stipulation or decision in record.)

Warrant to issue as per stip/order Execution

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Section 5020(c) of the Civil Practice was Rules requires that a satisfaction be filed with the clerk when the judgment is satisfied. Palfure to do so subjects the judgment creditor to penalties. 

**ENTRY OF JUDGMENT** Judgment entered in accordance with the above on 3 1 2007 Warrant issued to Marshal \_\_\_\_\_On \_\_\_\_ CIV-LT-50(2006) Page 1 of 1

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ORDER
b) I have had a previous Order to Show Cause regarding this index number but I am making this further application because:

Sworn to before me this Sth day of September, 200

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JOURT, OF THE CITY OF HEW YORK TREEX RE. COETET/DECE TOUNTY OF NEW YORK MOTION SEQUENCE NOTE DOS HOUSING PART E, RM. 107 DECISION/ORDER NYCHA-DOUGALSS HOUSE PETITIONER(S); \*\*\*\*\*\* The visit of the second AGPINST PRESENT: RESPONDENT(S) MICHELLE D. SCHREIBER JUDGE RECITATION, OR REQUIRED BY COLD 8319(A), OF THE PAPERS CONSIDERED IN REVIEW OF THIS OSC TO VACATE DEFAULT JUDGMENT/RESTORE TO THE CALENDAR 232555 MOTICE OF MOTION AND CEFIDAVITS ANNEXED., EXHIBITS.... UPON THE FOREGOING CITED PAPERS, THE DECISION/DADER IN THIS MOTION IS SS FOLLOWS:

GENERATED: 09/05/2007 @ 16:08:30

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)
Plaintiff,	
- against -	
TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,	
Defendants.	

# EXHIBITS "F"TO THE DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GERARD O'NEILL,

Plaintiff,

08 CV 1689 (KMW) (RLE)

-against-

Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

Defendants.

**EXHIBITS "G" THROUGH "I"** 

**CLOSED** 

#### U.S. District Court United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Foley Square) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:06-cv-14377-KMW

O'Niell v. New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) et

Assigned to: Judge Kimba M. Wood

Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

Date Filed: 12/13/2006

Date Terminated: 08/20/2007

Jury Demand: Plaintiff

Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

**Plaintiff** 

Gerard O'Neill

represented by Gerard O'Neill

870 Columbus Avenue

#3A

New York, NY 10025

(212) 665-9989

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V.

**Defendant** 

**New York City Housing Authority** 

(NYCHA)

Defendant

Glenn Richter

**Defendant** 

Ynociea Cruz

**Defendant** 

Myra Castro

**Defendant** 

Tito Hernandez

**NYCHA** 

**Defendant** 

Phillip Lam

**Defendant** 

John Calvado

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/13/2006	1	DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS. Document filed by Gerard O'Niell.(mbe, ) (Entered: 12/20/2006)
12/13/2006	2	COMPLAINT against New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), Glenn Richter, Ynociea Cruz, Myra Castro, Tino Hernandez. Document filed by Gerard O'Niell.(mbe, ) (Entered: 12/20/2006)
12/13/2006		Magistrate Judge Ronald L. Ellis is so designated. (mbe, ) (Entered: 12/20/2006)
12/13/2006	3	60 DAYS ORDERI grant plaintiff?s request to proceed in forma pauperis and direct the Clerk of Court to assign a docket number to this complaint. I further direct plaintiff to submit an amended complaint within 60 days of the order as detailed below. Plaintiff is hereby directed to file an amended complaint containing the information specified above. Should plaintiff decide to file an amended complaint, it must be submitted to this Court's Pro Se Office within sixty days of this date of this order, be captioned as an "AMENDED COMPLAINT" and bear the same docket number as this order. He should therefore include in his amended complaint any alllegations or exhibits from his original complaint, if he still wishes to present them to court. A copy of this order must be attached to the amended complaint. No summons shall issue at this time and all further proceedings shall be stayed for sixty (60) days or until plaintiff has complied with this order. If plaintiff fails to comply within the time allowed or show cause why he cannot comply, the complaint shall be dismissed. Once submitted, the amended complaint shall be reviewed for substantive sufficiency and then, if proper shall be reassigned, a copy of this order shall be served with the summons and amended complaint. I certify pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec. 1915(a) (3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith. (Signed by Judge Kimba M. Wood on 12/13/2006) (mbe, ) (Entered: 12/20/2006)
02/26/2007	4	ORDER on 1/30/07, the Court received plaintiff's letter (attached hereto) requesting additional time to comply with this Court's order dated 12/13/06 instructing him to amend his complaint. Plaintiff's request is GRANTED, and he is directed to file his amended complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of this order. So Ordered. (Signed by Judge Kimba M. Wood on 2/26/07) (jco) (Entered: 03/02/2007)
04/26/2007	5	AMENDED COMPLAINT amending 2 Complaint against Phillip Lam, John Calvado, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), Glenn Richter, Ynociea Cruz, Myra Castro, Tito Hernandez.Document filed by Gerard O'Neill. Related document: 2 Complaint filed by Gerard O'Niell. (tro) (Entered: 04/30/2007)
08/20/2007	6	JUDGMENT that the complaint is dismissed because this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the claim and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. The Court certify pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from the Court's order would not be

	,	taken in good faith. (Signed by Judge Kimba M. Wood on 8/20/07) (ml) (Entered: 08/20/2007)
08/20/2007	7	ORDER OF DISMISSAL Accordingly, the complaint, filed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. 1915(a)(1), is dismissed because this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the claims and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. I certify under 28 U.S.C. 1915 (a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith. (Signed by Judge Kimba M. Wood on 8/20/07) (tro) (Entered: 08/21/2007)
08/21/2007		Mailed notice of Right to Appeal re: <u>6</u> Judgment, to Pro Se Litigant(s): Gerard O'Neill. (tve) (Entered: 09/05/2007)

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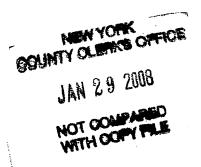
Gerard D. O'Neill

Plaintiff,

-against-

Tito Hernandez, Commissioner Ricardo Morales, General counselor New York Housing Authority 250 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 1007 212.767.5000 Complaint

Index. No. 400199108



- 1. I, Gerard O'Neill ("Plaintiff"), *proceeding pro se*, am a natural being and the tenant in possession of apartment #3C at 870 Columbus Avenue, NY, NY 10025, 212.665.9989.
- 2. The defendant, New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") owns and manages this building.
- 3. The Brooke Amendment, 42 U.S.C.S. § 1437a (a)(1)(A) explicitly defines tenant rent as that amount designated by the guidelines found in 24 CFR 913.102. Other charges such late rent payments, repairs or court costs, etc. cannot be called rent and as such, capable of exciting legal proceedings (my emphasis).
- 4. Since 2005, plaintiff has been in housing court 45 times: 12 appearances under the index number L/T02296/05 and 23 times, L/T025727/06. In reference to these index numbers: all matters were for illegal charges listed as rent, hence, these appearances should never have been allowed to stand in court or any legal procedures/process allowed to rise from them.

- 5. In <u>Watertown Housing Authority v. Keith Kirkland, et al. (2 Misc. 3d 280, 766 N.Y.S.2d, 790)</u>, the Court found a pattern of charging fees...then subtracting from the rent payment those other rental charges so as to create a "deficiency" or "shortfall", often the basis for a nonpayment and/or underpayment proceedings... which can activate an eviction proceeding." (my emphasis).
- 6. This same Court citing <u>Comity Realty Corp v. Peterson (118 Misc. 2d 796) warned</u> the housing authority that it [the Court] would not permit legal proceedings to stand before it, especially when "basic notions of fairness and good faith" are rearranged as a pernicious weapon to deny a citizen their federally protected rights.
- 7. Plaintiff reviewed his tenant file on 09/28/07. Of interest was a pink sheet of paper signed (around 02/06) by the housing assistant and site manager, listing four reasons why plaintiff should be evicted; this request became eviction notice #193048 (signed by Kevin McClanahan).
- 8. Ms. Davis, supervisor of the Records Department, removed the tenant file from plaintiff and ten minutes later, the file was returned without the pink sheet of paper.
- 9. In the tenant file were a few pages of third party income verification for the year of 2003.
- 10. A housing assistant needs written permission (HUD-9886 form) to access the HUD-database <a href="https://www.hud.gov/eiv/thirdpartyicome">www.hud.gov/eiv/thirdpartyicome</a>. There was no evidence of such permission.
- 11. Pertaining to the fiscal year 2006, the tenant file included three permission forms signed by tenant denying access to any third party verification database as requested by a housing assistant (all other information was provided three times).
- 12. This refusal was the actual spark that fuelled since 2005, all the court appearances: in 2003 no tenant permission form was necessary (and no court dates required) to access the HUD database; and yet, since 2005, the personality-driven legal assault, produced 45 court appearances, when permission was denied.
- 13. As required by law, if tenant is elderly or mentally disabled, NYCHA will inform the Elder Services at the Borough President's office that tenant was "at risk" for eviction. Caseworkers knocked on tenant's door, telephone calls followed.
- 14. In reference to L/T025727/06, in the last court appearance (09/12/07), Judge Michelle Schreiber, threatened to "resign" a pending eviction.
- 15. The next day, four social workers from NYCHA knocked on plaintiff's door unannounced; phone calls followed—protocols dependent on an actual court decision and not the "threat" of an action.
- 16. In reference to #15: Plaintiff was refused a pre-trial conference. Four times, lawyers from both NYCHA and NYC Legal Corporation told tenant to sit and wait.
- 17. In reference to #9 and #11: Since there were none of the normal pre-trail activities that day and because of the court's inflexible stance, plaintiff inferred all aspects of the hearing were decided by the court and lawyers in an earlier ex-parte conference.

- 18. The same stipulation allowed for an extension of repaying rent arrears—tenant never asked for it. At bench, the single issue was that the dollar amount was simply wrong, which tenant paid.
- Plaintiff filed a complaint in federal court—1:06-cv-14366-KMW—which was dismissed 19. because subject jurisdiction (08/20/2007).
- ŽŎ. Of interest in tenant file were two sheets of paper with different dates, stating something like: 'Tenant refuses to answer questions or submit any information regarding his complaint in federal court, yet he is suing for unspecified harassment and is angry'.
- 21. Neither the tenant file at NYCHA nor the respondent file at 100 Centre Street included letters requesting additional information or proof of service of such letters.
- 22. In reference to #20: on three occasions, lawyers in the pro se office at 500 Pearl Street told the tenant that the federal court allowed a city agency to investigate a citizen's complaint before taking any actions.
- Please see United States v. City of New York City, (01 CIV 4604, 2001), for an exact 23. duplicate of the issues found in this complaint: Without the option to leave the situation and because their complaints were ignored, WEP participants were subjected to harassment, a hostile workplace and discrimination—all while supervised.

#### JURY DEMANDED

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, prays that this Court enter judgment:

- according to the guidelines of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the recovery of compensatory and punitive damages in cases of intentional (tort) violations of Title VII and for actions violative of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Fair Housing Amendment Act. Each amendment allows a citizen compensatory damages separately and independently of Title VII,
- enjoin NYCHA's Social Services Department from continuing their harassing. embarrassing and unannounced visits at plaintiff's house, granting such further relief as the Court may deem just,
- directing defendants to take such affirmative steps as may be necessary to prevent and to remedy violations of the Brooke Amendment and the resulting illegal court proceedings,
- and for unnamed but similarly applied remedies not listed in this complaint, granting such further relief as the Court may deem just.

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duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof, the same are true to my knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Sworn to before me on

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CAROLYN V. JONES Notary Public, State of New York Reg. No. 04JO5022377 Qualified in New York County Commission Expires Jan. 10, 2010

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
GERARD O'NEILL,	08 CV 1689 (KMW)(RLE)
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- against -	
TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,	
Defendants.	

# EXHIBITS "G" THROUGH "I" TO THE DECLARATION OF JEFFREY NIEDERHOFFER IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

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Declaration of Michael Wyands in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint

TITO HERNANDEZ, RICARDO MORALES, and NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY,

#### Defendants.

MICHAEL WYANDS, declares, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of law, that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am, and have been since August 2006, employed by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) as the Assistant Manager of Frederick Douglass Houses, a NYCHA housing development located in Manhattan. I have been employed by NYCHA for approximately 18 years.
- 2. As a result of my employment as Assistant Manager of Douglass Houses, I am familiar with plaintiff's tenant account and with the rent non-payment proceedings brought against him in 2005 and 2006 in the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York (that is, NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 05/022996, and NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 06/025727). I submit this declaration in support of defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's complaint based upon my review of plaintiff's tenant account, plaintiff's Douglass Houses tenant folder and the documents in the court files of the two rent non-payment proceedings brought against plaintiff to explain the monetary relief sought and, ultimately recovered, by NYCHA in

the rent non-payment proceedings.

#### Plaintiff's Tenancy and Monthly Rent

- 3. Plaintiff is, and has been, a tenant of Douglass Houses since November 1996, residing at 870 Columbus Avenue, Apt. 3C. The NYCHA Tenant Data Summary and plaintiff's current lease agreement are attached to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer (Niederhoffer Declar.) in Support of the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, as Exhibit A.
- Effective August 1, 2004, plaintiff's monthly rent was increased from \$188.00 to 4. \$191.00, which was one-twelfth of 30% of his adjusted annual net income of \$7,652.00. The June 10, 2004 Rent Change Notice and the Calculation of Rent - Federal Project - Statutory Tenant are Exhibit C to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- 5. Plaintiff's monthly rent was increased from \$191.00 to \$668.00, the maximum permitted for that apartment, for September and October 2005 because plaintiff had failed to submit his annual income review papers for 2005 when they were due in August 2005. The three notices, dated May 1, 2005, June 1, 2005 and July 1, 2005, requesting the annual review papers and informing plaintiff of the consequences of his failure to submit the annual papers, are included as part of Exhibit B to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- 6. Plaintiff thereafter submitted his annual review papers in October 2005, and, based upon the annual review completed by the Douglass Houses management office at that time, plaintiff's monthly rent was increased to \$196.00, effective November 2005. This amount is one-twelfth of 30% of his adjusted annual net income of \$7832.00. The pertinent annual review papers are included as part of Exhibit B to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.

- 7. In November 2005, plaintiff's account was duly credited in the amount of \$939.00, which is the difference between \$1,336.00 (\$668.00 for two months) and \$392.00 (\$196.00 for two months), less a \$5.00 charge for the untimely submission of the annual review papers.
- 8. Plaintiff has not submitted to the Douglass Houses management office any annual income review papers for 2006 or 2007. Notwithstanding plaintiff's failure to submit these annual income review papers, plaintiff's monthly rent remains at \$196.00. The various notices to plaintiff from the Housing Manager, dated June 15, 2006, July 26, 2006, September 22, 2006, May 3, 2007, and May-14, 2007, regarding plaintiff's failure to submit his 2006 and 2007 annual review papers, are included in Exhibit D to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.

## The 2005 Housing Court Rent Non-Payment Proceeding

- 9. On or about October 5, 2005, however; prior to the completion of the 2005 annual review of plaintiff's income, NYCHA commenced a rent non-payment proceeding against plaintiff in the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York (NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 05/022996) seeking the sum of \$668.17, representing past due accrued rent in the amount of \$668.00 for September 2005 and a \$0.17 miscellaneous charge. The petition in this non-payment proceeding is included as part of Exhibit E to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- On October 26, 2005, based on plaintiff's default, a Judgment in the amount of 10. \$668.17 was entered in NYCHA's favor. A warrant of eviction was issued to the New York City Marshall on March 22, 2006. The Housing Court Decision and Judgment, reflecting the March 22, 2006 issuance of the warrant of eviction, is included as part of Exhibit E to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
  - 11. On May 9, 2006, Housing Court Judge David B. Cohen vacated the prior Judgment

and stayed execution of the warrant of eviction conditioned upon plaintiff paying to NYCHA the sum of \$1,765.69 in past due accrued rent for the period August 2005 through May 2006 on or before May 23, 2006. Judge Cohen's May 9, 2006 order is included as part of Exhibit E to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer. The sum of \$1,765.69 represented past due accrued rent for the period August 2005 through May 2006, as calculated in the following manner. As of May 9, 2006, plaintiff owed NYCHA \$1,855.86. NYCHA waived recovery of \$90.00 in "legal fees" consisting of \$75.00 for service of two petitions and \$15.00 relating to the request for the warrant of eviction. NYCHA also abandoned recovery of the 17-cent miscellaneous charge. The remaining \$1,765.69 consisted solely of rent broken down for the Housing Court as follows: nine months of rent at \$196.00 per month for the period September 2005 through May 2006, with the remaining \$1.69 charged to August 2005.

- 12. On or about May 17, 2006, plaintiff paid \$1300.00 towards the total amount due, leaving \$465.69.
- 13. On June 20, 2006, Housing Court Judge Cohen extended plaintiff's time to pay the remaining amount due, by directing plaintiff to pay \$465.69 by July 15, 2006. NYCHA waived recovery of a legal fee, consisting of a \$22.50 charge for service of the warrant of eviction. The prior Final Judgment and warrant of eviction remained in effect, however. Judge Cohen's June 20, 2006 order is included as part of Exhibit E to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- 14. Plaintiff paid \$464.00 on July 17, 2006. This non-payment proceeding ended, and NYCHA did not thereafter pursue execution of the warrant of eviction.

### The 2006 Housing Court Rent Non-Payment Proceeding

15. On or about November 25, 2006, NYCHA commenced a rent non-payment proceeding against plaintiff in the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York

- 16. On January 5, 2007, based on plaintiff's default, judgment in the amount of \$506.32 was entered in NYCHA's favor. The Housing Court Decision and Judgment is included as part of Exhibit F to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- 17. On March 16, 2007, Housing Court Judge Louis Villella vacated the prior Final Judgment, issuing an order and a new Judgment in NYCHA's favor in the amount of \$1,180.11 in past due accrued rent for the period September 2006 through March 2007, which plaintiff was required to pay by April 16, 2007. Judge Villella's order and the new Judgment is included as part of Exhibit F to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer. The sum of \$1,180.11 represented past due accrued rent for the period September 2006 through March 2007, as calculated in the following manner. As of March 16, 2007, plaintiff owed NYCHA \$1,217.61. NYCHA waived recovery of \$37.50 in a legal fee for service of the Housing Court petition, leaving \$1,180.11 due and owing in accrued rent, broken down for the Housing Court as follows: six months' rent at \$196.00 per month for October 2006 through March 2007, with the remaining \$4.11 charged to September 2006.
- 18. Plaintiff paid \$1,000.00 towards the amount due and owing by April 13, 2007, leaving \$180.11 unpaid.
- 19. On May 1, 2007, Housing Court Judge Michelle Schreiber vacated the March 16, 2007 Stipulation. Judge Schreiber issued a new order and Final Judgment on July 31, 2007,

awarding NYCHA the amount of \$588.00, representing three months' rent at \$196.00 per month for May 2007 through July 2007, to be paid by August 31, 2007, and directing NYCHA to credit plaintiff's account in the amount of \$180.11 representing legal fees previously charged to and paid by plaintiff. NYCHA also waived a current legal fee of \$37.50. Judge Schreiber's May 1, 2007 and July 31, 2007 orders and the new Judgment are included as part of Exhibit F to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.

- 20. On September 18, 2007, Housing Court Judge Schreiber extended plaintiff's time to pay the Judgment, but otherwise kept the July 31, 2007 order and Judgment in effect. Judge Schreiber's September 18, 2007 Order is included as part of Exhibit F to the Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer.
- 21. On September 28, 2007, plaintiff paid to NYCHA \$980.00, representing the \$588.00 due and owing under the July 31, 2007 Judgment plus \$392.00 in rent for the months of August and September 2007. This non-payment proceeding was thus ended.

Dated: New York, New York April <u>10</u>, 2008

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#### **Preliminary Statement**

Plaintiff Gerard O'Neill, a tenant at Douglass Houses, a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) housing development located in Manhattan, brings this action against NYCHA, its Chairman, Tino Hernandez (incorrectly identified in the complaint as "Tito" Hernandez), and its General Counsel, Ricardo Morales, alleging that NYCHA brought State court non-payment proceedings against him in 2005 and 2006 in violation of the Brooke Amendment (42 U.S.C. 1437a(a)(1)(A)); that a document was removed from his tenant folder; that his refusal to sign a third-party verification form giving permission for a NYCHA housing assistant to access a federal database to verify his income led to the non-payment proceedings; and that, the day after a court appearance in which a State Court judge threatened to re-sign a pending eviction, four social workers from NYCHA knocked on his door unannounced and later telephoned him. Plaintiff seeks to recover compensatory and punitive damages under the Brooke Amendment (42 U.S.C. 1437a(a)(1)(A)), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e

et seq.), the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-3619).

As set forth more fully below, defendants now move to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on the grounds that plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable cause of action and that his challenge to the State court non-payment proceedings is meritless nonetheless.

Accordingly, plaintiff's complaint must be dismissed.

### **Fact Statement**

### Plaintiff's Tenancy and Monthly Rent

Plaintiff Gerard O'Neill is, and has been since November 1996, a tenant at Douglass Houses, a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) housing development located in Manhattan, residing at 870 Columbus Avenue, Apt. 3C. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. A. Based upon an annual review of plaintiff's income, completed in October 2005, plaintiff's monthly rent is, and has been since November 2005, \$196.00, which is one-twelfth of 30% of his adjusted net income of \$7832.00. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. B.<sup>2</sup>

Plaintiff's sole reference to Title VII, the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act in his complaint reads as follows: "according to the guidelines of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the recovery of compensatory and punitive damages in cases of intentional (tort) violations of Title VII and for actions violative of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Fair Housing Amendment Act. Each amendment allows a citizen compensatory damages separately and independently of Title VII." Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer (Niederhoffer Declar.), Exhibit I (Complaint "Wherefore" Clause at ¶ 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective August 1, 2004, plaintiff's monthly rent was increased from \$188.00 to \$191.00. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. C. Because plaintiff failed to submit his annual income review papers for 2005 when they were due in August 2005, plaintiff's rent was increased to \$668.00, the maximum permitted for that apartment, for September and October 2005. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. B; Declaration of Michael Wyands in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint (Wyands Declar.), ¶ 5. After the 2005 annual review of plaintiff's income was completed, plaintiff's account was duly credited by the Douglass Houses management office. Wyands Declar., ¶ 7.

On or about October 5, 2005, NYCHA commenced a rent non-payment proceeding against plaintiff in the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York (NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 05/022996) seeking the sum of \$668.17, representing past due accrued rent in the amount of \$668.00 for September 2005 and a \$0.17 miscellaneous charge. Plaintiff answered the petition on or about October 17, 2005, essentially disputing the amount owed. On October 26, 2005, based on plaintiff's default, a Judgment in the amount of \$668.17 was entered in NYCHA's favor. A warrant of eviction was issued to the New York City Marshall on March 22, 2006. On May 9, 2006, Housing Court Judge David B. Cohen granted plaintiff's motion to vacate the prior Judgment, staying the execution of the warrant of eviction conditioned upon plaintiff paying to NYCHA the sum of \$1,765.69 in past due accrued rent for the period August 2005 through May 2006 on or before May 23, 2006. As of May 9, 2006, plaintiff owed NYCHA \$1,855.86. NYCHA waived recovery of \$90.00 in "legal fees" consisting of \$75.00 for service of two petitions and \$15.00 relating to the request for the warrant of eviction. NYCHA also abandoned recovery of the 17-cent miscellaneous charge. The remaining \$1,765.69 consisted solely of rent broken down as nine months of rent at \$196.00 per month for the period September 2005 through May 2006, with the remaining \$1.69 charged to August 2005. On or about May 17, 2006, plaintiff paid \$1300.00 towards the total amount due, leaving \$465.69. On June 20, 2006, Housing Court Judge Cohen granted plaintiff's motion, essentially for an extension of time to pay the remaining amount due, by directing plaintiff to pay \$465.69 by July 15, 2006. NYCHA waived recovery

Notwithstanding plaintiff's failure to submit annual income review papers for 2006 and 2007, plaintiff's monthly rent remains at \$196.00. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. D; Wyands Declar., ¶ 8.

of a legal fee, consisting of a \$22.50 charge for service of the warrant of eviction. The prior Final Judgment and warrant of eviction remained in effect, however. Plaintiff paid \$464.00 on July 17, 2006. NYCHA did not thereafter pursue execution of the warrant of eviction. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. E; Wyands Declar., ¶¶ 9-14.

### The 2006 Housing Court Rent Non-Payment Proceeding

On or about November 25, 2006, NYCHA commenced a rent non-payment proceeding against plaintiff in the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York (NYCHA/Douglass Houses v. Gerard O'Neill, L & T Index No. 06/025727) seeking the sum of \$506.36, representing past due accrued rent broken down as two months' rent at \$196.00 per month for September and October 2006, with the remaining \$114.36 attributed to August 2006. Plaintiff commenced an action in the Southern District of New York under the caption O'Neill v. New York City Housing Authority, et al., 06-CV-14377 (KMW) on December 13, 2006. Plaintiff thereafter answered the Housing Court petition, on or about December 27, 2006, essentially seeking to enjoin the proceedings in Housing Court until his federal court case (Southern District of New York Docket Number 06-cv-14377) was resolved. On January 5, 2007, based on plaintiff's default, judgment in the amount of \$506.32 was entered in NYCHA's favor. On March 16, 2007, upon plaintiff's motion, Housing Court Judge Louis Villella vacated the prior Final Judgment, issuing a "So Ordered" Stipulation and a new Judgment in NYCHA's favor in the amount of \$1,180.11, which plaintiff was required to pay by April 16, 2007. As of March 16, 2007, plaintiff owed NYCHA \$1,217.61. NYCHA waived recovery of \$37.50 in a legal fee for service of the Housing Court petition, leaving \$1,180.11 due and owing in accrued rent, broken down as six months' rent at \$196.00 per month for October 2006 through March 2007, with the remaining \$4.11 charged to September 2006. Plaintiff

paid \$1,000.00 towards the amount due and owing by April 13, 2007, leaving \$180.11 unpaid. By order, dated May 1, 2007, Housing Court Judge Michelle Schreiber vacated the March 16, 2007 Stipulation, issuing a "So Ordered" Stipulation, dated July 31, 2007, awarding NYCHA a Final Judgment in the amount of \$588.00, representing three months' rent at \$196.00 per month for May 2007 through July 2007, to be paid by August 31, 2007, and directing NYCHA to credit plaintiff's account in the amount of \$180.11 representing legal fees previously charged to and paid by plaintiff. NYCHA also waived a current legal fee of \$37.50. By Order, dated September 18, 2007, Housing Court Judge Schreiber granted plaintiff's request for an extension of time to pay the Judgment, but otherwise denied plaintiff's motion to vacate the July 31, 2007 "So Ordered" Stipulation and Judgment. On September 28, 2007, plaintiff paid to NYCHA \$980.00, representing the \$588.00 due and owing under the July 31, 2007 Judgment and \$392.00 in rent for the months of August and September 2007. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. F; Wyands Declar., ¶¶ 15-21.

### Dismissal of Plaintiff's December 2006 Action

Plaintiff's December 2006 federal court action was dismissed by the Court on August 20, 2007 because the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction and because plaintiff had failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. G.<sup>3</sup>

### Plaintiff's Present Action

Plaintiff commenced the instant action in New York State Supreme Court (New York County) on or about January 28, 2008, seeking monetary and equitable relief under the Brooke Amendment, Title VII

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NYCHA was never served with the pleadings in that case, and the District Court Clerk's Office has not been able to locate the case file.

of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Fair Housing Amendments Act. *See* Niederhoffer Declar., Exhibit I. Defendants removed the case to federal court on February 20, 2008.

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### **Applicable Legal Principles**

A motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6) must be granted if it appears beyond doubt, drawing all reasonable inferences in plaintiff's favor, that no relief could be granted under any set of facts that could be proved consistent with the allegations. *Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ.*, 526 U.S. 629, 654 (1999); *H.J., Inc. v. Northwestern Bell Tel. Co.*, 492 U.S. 229, 249-50 (1989).

### **ARGUMENT**

### POINT I.

## PLAINTIFF, A NYCHA TENANT, HAS FAILED TO STATE A COGNIZABLE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forbids actions taken on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin that "discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment." *Clark County School Dist. v. Breeden*, 532 U.S. 268, 270 (2001); 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1). Plaintiff is a NYCHA tenant seeking to recover damages for alleged wrongful actions by defendants in connection with his NYCHA tenancy. Plaintiff does not allege that he is a NYCHA employee seeking to recover damages for alleged discrimination in employment. Accordingly, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing any claim plaintiff purports to advance under Title VII.

### POINT II.

### PLAINTIFF, WHO DOES NOT CLAIM TO BE DISABLED, HAS FAILED TO STATE A COGNIZABLE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS UNDER THE THE ADA OR THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.

Plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable cause of action against defendants under the ADA, and, more particularly, under Title II of the ADA, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The complaint provides no basis for understanding how Title II of the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 gives rise to any liability on defendants' part under the facts as alleged in his complaint. Accordingly, any cause of action under either statute must be dismissed in its entirety.

Significantly, plaintiff references the ADA generally and does not rely upon or cite to any specific provision contained therein. See footnote 1. Nevertheless, Title II of the ADA (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12134), "set[s] forth prohibitions against discrimination in . . . public services furnished by governmental entities." Olmstead v. Zimring ex rel. L.C., 527 U.S. 581, 589 (1999); see also 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1) (defining "public entity"). The pertinent statute provides as follows:

Subject to the provisions of this subchapter, no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subject to discrimination by such entity."

42 U.S.C. § 12132. A "qualified individual with a disability" is defined as

an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities

Neither Title I nor Title III of the Act apply here. Title I governs employment discrimination solely and Title III applies to the provision of public accommodations by private entities. See Olmstead, 527 U.S. at 589.

provided by a public entity.

42 U.S.C. § 12131(2).

In order to state a claim under Title II of the ADA, plaintiff must allege the following: (1) that he is a "qualified individual with a disability"; (2) that he was either excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of a public entity's services, programs or activities, or was otherwise discriminated against by the public entity; and (3) that such exclusion, denial of benefits, or discrimination was by reason of his disability. Weinreich v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority, 114 F.3d 976, 978 (9th Cir. 1997); Soto v. City of Newark, 72 F.Supp.2d 489, 492 (D.N.J. 1999); Bey v. City of New York, 97 Civ. 4800, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11379 at \*10 (S.D.N.Y. 1999) (citing Civic Ass'n of the Deaf v. Giuliani, 915 F.Supp. 622, 634 (S.D.N.Y. 1996) and D'Amico v. City of New York, 132 F.3d 145, 150 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 524 U.S. 911, 118 S.Ct. 2075 (1998)).

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against the disabled by recipients of federal funding, *Barnes v. Gorman*, 536 U.S. 181, 184-185 (2002), provides, in part, as follows: "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance . . . . . "29 U.S.C. § 794(a). The elements of a cause of action under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are similar to those for a cause of action under Title II of the ADA: to wit, plaintiff must show that (1) he is an "individual with a disability," (2) he was denied the benefit of the program solely by reason of his disability, (3) he was "otherwise qualified" to receive the benefit, and (4) the program involved receives federal assistance. *Weinreich*, 114 F.3d at 978. In fact, Title II of the ADA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation

Act are interpreted in similar fashion. Bey, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11379 at \*10 n.5.

As an initial matter, individuals may not be held liable under either the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. *Harris v. Mills*, 478 F. Supp. 2d 544, 547-548 (S.D.N.Y. 2007). Accordingly, any claims that plaintiff purports to advance under the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 against Hernandez or Morales must be dismissed.

In any event, plaintiff has failed to allege any of the elements necessary for a cause of action under Title II of the ADA. Specifically, plaintiff alleges neither that he is disabled nor that NYCHA brought non-payment proceedings against him because of a disability. Consequently, plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable cause of action under Title II of the ADA against NYCHA. Plaintiff's complaint is also devoid of allegations regarding the first three elements necessary for a cause of action under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and consequently no cause of action is stated under this statute either.

Accordingly, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing all claims plaintiff purports to advance under the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. *See Cellular Phone Taskforce v. Federal Communications Commission*, 217 F.3d 72, 74-75 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2000) (determining petitioner's Rehabilitation Act claim to be meritless where petitioner, misconstruing the scope of the Rehabilitation Act's protections, failed to make the requisite allegations in its pleading); *Flight v. Gloecker*, 68 F.3d 61, 64 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 1995) (dismissal of discrimination claim affirmed where plaintiff had failed to allege disparate treatment as compared to benefits given to non-handicapped individuals); *Bey*, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11379 at \*12 (court noted that plaintiff had failed to allege a discrimination claim based on disability).

### POINT III.

# PLAINTIFF, WHO DOES NOT CLAIM DISCRIMINATION, HAS FAILED TO STATE A COGNIZABLE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT.

Among other things, the FHAA proscribes, generally, discrimination in the sale or rental of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 3604. Further, the FHAA makes unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, "in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with such dwelling. 42 U.S.C. §§ 3604(b) and (f)(2)(A). Discrimination prohibited by the FHAA includes the refusal to make "reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford [the handicapped individual] an equal opportunity to uses and enjoy a dwelling." 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(3)(B). *Hubbard v. Samson Management Corporation*, 994 F. Supp. 187, 190 (S.D.N.Y. 1998).

Plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable discrimination claim under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. Entirely absent from plaintiff's complaint are any allegations that he was discriminated against on any basis in the rental of housing, or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of rental of a dwelling on any basis, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection with such dwelling on any basis. defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing all claims plaintiff purports to advance under the FHAA. *See Goss v. Fairfield Housing Authority*, 03cv0935, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27056, at \* 9-\*12 (D. Conn. Mar. 14, 2006); *Hubbard*, 994 F. Supp. at 190.

For the reasons set forth, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing any claim plaintiff purports to advance under the FHAA.

### POINT IV.

### PLAINTIFF, WHOSE RENT IS SET AT 30% OF HIS ADJUSTED INCOME, HAS FAILED TO STATE A COGNIZABLE CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS UNDER THE BROOKE AMENDMENT.

Plaintiff appears to allege that NYCHA violated the Brooke Amendment by bringing State court rent non-payment proceedings against him in 2005 and 2006 in which it wrongfully sought to recover from him sums of money other than past-due rent and that, because NYCHA sought "illegal charges listed as rent," these State court rent non-payment proceedings should not have been permitted to go forward. These allegations fail to state a cognizable cause of action under the Brooke Amendment and, as explained below in Point V, NYCHA only recovered accrued rent due and owing in the rent non-payment proceedings.

The Brooke Amendment (42 U.S.C. § 1437a(a)(1)) to the United States Housing Act of 1937 imposed a ceiling on rents charged to low-income persons living in public housing projects, and, as later amended, provides that a low-income family "shall pay as rent" a specified percentage of its income. The Brooke Amendment currently reads, in pertinent part, as follows:

- (1) Dwelling units assisted under this chapter shall be rented only to families who are low-income families at the time of their initial occupancy of such units. Reviews of family income shall be made at least annually. Except as provided in paragraph (2) and subject to the requirement under paragraph (3), a family shall pay as rent for a dwelling unit assisted under this chapter (other than a family assisted under section 1437f(o) or (y) of this title or paying rent under section 1437f (c)(3)(B) of this title) the highest of the following amounts, rounded to the nearest dollar:
- (A) 30 per centum of the family's monthly adjusted income;

- (B) 10 per centum of the family's monthly income; or
- (C) if the family is receiving payments for welfare assistance from a public agency and a part of such payments, adjusted in accordance with the family's actual housing costs, is specifically designated by such agency to meet the family's housing costs, the portion of such payments which is so designated.

42 U. S. C. § 1437a(a)(1); see also Wright v. City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 479 U.S. 418, 420 (1987) (Brooke Amendment as it then read); Beckham v. New York City Housing Authority, 755 F.2d 1074, 1076 (2d Cir. 1985) (Brooke Amendment as it then read). Furthermore, current Federal regulations define tenant rent as "[t]he amount payable monthly by the family as rent to the unit owner (Section 8 owner or PHA in public housing)." 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b).<sup>5</sup>

Although an alleged violation of the Brooke Amendment is actionable through 42 U.S.C. § 1983, see Wright, 479 U.S. 418 (allowing a suit under section 1983 by tenants to recover past overcharges under the rent-ceiling provision of the United States Housing Act of 1937), cited in Gonzaga University v. Doe, 536 U.S. 273, 280 (2002); see also Beckham, 755 F.2d at 1078-1080 (on appeal, court allowing a suit under section 1983 by tenants, but ruling that NYCHA was not barred by statute from charging a rent higher than that allowed by the Brooke Amendment where the tenant failed to comply with annual recertification process), plaintiff has failed to state a cognizable claim for relief under that provision. His complaint is devoid of any allegations that he is being charged rent in excess of the amount permitted by

This particular definition of "Tenant Rent," found at 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b), has been in effect since 2000. From 1997 through 1999, "Tenant Rent," as found at 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b), was defined a little differently as "[t]he amount payable monthly by the Family as rent to the PHA [Public Housing Authority]. Where all utilities (except telephone) and other essential housing services are supplied by the PHA, Tenant Rent equals Total Tenant Payment. Where some or all utilities (except telephone) and other essential housing services are not supplied by the PHA and the cost thereof is not included in the amount paid as rent, Tenant Rent equals Total Tenant Payment less Utility Allowance. In 1996, this longer definition of "Tenant Rent" was found at 24 C.F.R. § 913.102. In 1997, this longer definition was moved to 24 C.F.R. § 5.603(b).

this statute. Moreover, plaintiff's monthly rent is, and has been since November 2005, \$196.00, which is one-twelfth of 30% of his adjusted annual income of \$7832.00, based upon the most recent review of plaintiff's income for the purpose of determining his rent, which was completed in fall 2005. Niederhoffer Declar., Exh. B; Wyands Declar., ¶¶ 6 and 8.

For the reasons set forth, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing any claim plaintiff purports to advance under the Brooke Amendment.

### POINT V.

## INASMUCH AS NYCHA HAS RECOVERED FROM PLAINTIFF ONLY ACCRUED RENT, ANY STATE LAW CLAIM UNDER RPAPL § 711(2) MUST BE DISMISSED AS MERITLESS.

To the extent that plaintiff may have a cognizable claim with respect to the State court rent non-payment proceedings against him in 2005 and 2006, it would be one under State law, specifically, RPAPL \$711(2), which limits relief in rent non-payment proceedings to recovery of past due rent. However, any such claim has no merit because NYCHA only recovered accrued rent due and owing in these rent non-payment proceedings, as permitted by the Housing Court judges presiding over the proceedings.

Section 711 of the RPAPL provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

§ 711. Grounds where landlord-tenant relationship exists

A tenant shall include an occupant of one or more rooms in a rooming house or a resident, not including a transient occupant, of one or more rooms in a hotel who has been in possession for thirty consecutive days or longer; he shall not be removed from possession except in a special proceeding. A special proceeding may be maintained under this article upon the following grounds:

2. The tenant has defaulted in the payment of rent, pursuant to the agreement under which the premises are held, and a demand of the rent has been made, or at least three days' notice in writing requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent, or the

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possession of the premises, has been served upon him as prescribed in section 735. The landlord may waive his right to proceed upon this ground only by an express consent in writing to permit the tenant to continue in possession, which consent shall be revocable at will, in which event the landlord shall be deemed to have waived his right to summary dispossess for nonpayment of rent accruing during the time said consent remains unrevoked. Any person succeeding to the landlord's interest in the premises may proceed under this subdivision for rent due his predecessor in interest if he has a right thereto.

RPAPL § 711(2).

As demonstrated by the Housing Court Orders, Decisions and Judgments, after the vacatur of any Judgments by default, NYCHA only recovered accrued rent due and owing in the 2005 and 2006 State court rent non-payment proceedings. See Niederhoffer Declar., Exhs. E and F.6

For the reasons set forth, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing any claim plaintiff purports to advance under RPAPL § 711(2).7

### POINT VI.

### NEW YORK DOES NOT RECOGNIZE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR HARASSMENT, HENCE, PLAINTIFF IS NOT ENTITLED TO INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST HARASSMENT.

Plaintiff seeks an injunction "enjoin[ing] NYCHA's Social Services Department from continuing their harassing, embarrassing and unannounced visits at plaintiff's house." Complaint "Wherefore" Clause

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Declaration of Michael Wyands is submitted in support of defendants' Rule 12(b) motion to dismiss to explain the dollar figures set forth in the various Housing Court Orders and Decisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Watertown Housing Authority v. Kirkland, 2 Misc.3d, 766 N.Y.S.2d 790 (City Court of New York, Watertown 2003), cited by plaintiff in his complaint, is inapposite because, unlike the Watertown Housing Authority, NYCHA did not seek to recover in the summary proceedings under RPAPL § 711(2) other charges (for example, late fees, utility fees or maintenance fees) at all, let alone by denominating them as "additional rent" and making those charges part of the accrued rent sought in the summary proceeding.

at ¶ 2.

New York does not recognize a civil cause of action for harassment. *Mago, LLC v. Amrit Joy Singh*, 47 A.D.3d 772 (2d Dep't 2008); *Edelstein v. Farber*, 27 A.D.3d 202 (1st Dep't 2006); *Broadway Cent. Prop. v. 682 Tenant Corp.*, 298 AD2d 253, 254 (1st Dep't 2002). Consequently, plaintiff is not entitled to the extraordinary relief of an injunction. *Rizzo v. Goode*, 423 U.S. 362, 378 (1976). Plaintiff has not pled any other cognizable cause of action under either federal or state law to support the issuance of such extraordinary relief.

Moreover, a NYCHA's Social Services Department staff member visited plaintiff's apartment on September 20, 2007 to follow up on a submission by the Douglass Houses Management Office to the NYCHA Social Services Department of a "Referral For NYCHA Social Services," on or about August 29, 2007, and approved by the NYCHA Social Services Department on September 5, 2007. The referral was made because "Tenant is a long-term chronic rent delinquent. He is lucid and functions fairly well, but has a fixed idea in his mind that he is being harassed by New York City and by NYCHA. He owes 4 months rent." *See* Niederhoffer Decl., Exhibit H. On September 20, 2007, a NYCHA Social Services Department "Social Services Worker attempted a home visit, [but] there was no answer. SSW left a contact letter." *See* Niederhoffer Decl., Exhibit H. In its case closing summary, dated December 18, 2007, the Social Services Worker continued as follows:

On 9-20-07 SSW received a telephone call from Mr. O'Neill and he stated that he wanted no further contact with anyone from New York City Housing Authority. He felt he was being harassed; SSW continued to monitor TOR [i.e., the Tenant of Record] with Management. SSW last contact with Management, at the end of November 2007, revealed that Mr. O'Neill had paid \$980.00 in rent arrears which makes him current at this time. Due to the arrears rent being paid and Mr. O'Neill's refusal of Social Services, no further outreach is needed at this time; therefore, the case is being closed.

Id.

For the reasons set forth, defendants are entitled to judgment dismissing plaintiff's request for injunctive relief.

### Conclusion

### DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS SHOULD BE GRANTED IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH PREJUDICE.

Dated: New York, New York April 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Maria Vigario, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over 18 years of age, and my business address is 250 Broadway,  $9^{\rm th}$  Floor, New York, New York 10007.

On April 11, 2008, I served the within

- (1) Notice of Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 10, 2008;
- (2) Notice to Pro Se Litigant Who Opposes a Rule 12 Motion Supported By Matters Outside the Pleadings, dated April 10, 2008;
- (3) Declaration of Jeffrey Niederhoffer in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 8, 2008, and Exhibits A through I attached thereto;
- (4) Declaration of Michael Wyands in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 10, 2008;
- (5) Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Support of Its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint, dated April 10, 2008,

by enclosing a copy of each in a stamped wrapper properly addressed to plaintiff:

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and depositing the foregoing in a receptacle under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2008

Notary Public of New York

No. 02NI5024799 Richmond County

My Commission Expires March 14, 499